

APPENDIX.

REPORT OF FRUIT COMMITTEE—SUMMER MEETING.

The Committee on Fruits report:

That they have examined the gooseberry Pearl and can recommend it as a most prolific bearer, and the samples exhibited show no indications of mildew and larger ones shown are a good sample, and are presumably a variety of the Whitesmith and well worthy of cultivation. We also have noticed the King Conn, which for appearance does not compare favorably with larger varieties, also a sample of the Industry, which is now become a favorite variety. We have also noticed some excellent samples of currants, the Fay and Versailles, &c. (Sent from Experimental Farm, Ottawa.) No. 369 is a berry of fine size, superior flavor and highly commented on. No. 169 is of fair flavor, medium sized, and worthy of cultivation. No. 175 is too long gathered to retain its flavor; seems very productive. No. 362 is a large berry, good flavor, will rank No. 1. The strawberry Pearl is a marvel for size and beauty, highly flavored and wonderfully productive, also some seedling strawberries. The sample No. 189 is productive and worthy of further trial. No. 307 is of good flavor and worthy of further trial.

THE ONTARIO FRUIT LIST.—APPLES.

The Committee on the Ontario Fruit List reported as follows:

Your two committees appointed at the last summer meeting at Seaforth to prepare catalogues of all fruit commonly grown in this province in such a manner as to show (1) a list of the varieties grown in the province; (2) lists showing the varieties best suited to the climate, elevation, soil, etc., for every district or locality, and (3) that any and all such lists be so prepared or constructed as to enable judges at competition exhibitions of fruits to intelligently estimate the true comparative value of any fruit on exhibition and thereby secure uniformity and fairness in judging fruit at all such exhibitions, beg leave to report:

That upon a careful consideration of the subject it was found that the duties of the two committees were so inextricably mixed as to make it necessary for them to work conjointly.

The catalogue of apples herewith submitted is therefore the work of your joint committee, and is the extent of their work to the present time. This report is therefore a report of progress.

The first decision arrived at by your joint committee was to leave out the headings usual in such a catalogue, such as Size, Color, Hardiness and Productiveness. The first two, Size and Color (to which might have been added Shape), are omitted because any such description to be of value should be sufficient for identification of a variety, but has not yet been done by our best pomological writers. The headings Hardiness and Productiveness are also omitted because they are applicable throughout the province to but a very few varieties, yet many of the varieties grown are both hardy and productive in many places.

You will observe that your Committees have adopted four general headings, viz:—Season, Quality, Commercial Value, and Total Value. Quality and Commercial Value are however sub-divided: quality into Dessert and Cooking, which embraces about all the properties of Quality; and Commercial Value into Home Market and Foreign Market, which gives the nearest approach we may make to the commercial value of any fruit.

The plan of rating adopted is to suppose all varieties to be perfect specimens. Then, the best varieties under each of these four heads are rated at 10 and all the more or less inferior varieties by some figure less than 10.

It frequently happens, however, even with the best varieties, that imperfect samples are exhibited. In such cases all values given in the catalogue must be reduced one or more points each for lack of color, under size, unevenness of size on plate, wormy, scabby or ill-shapen specimens, lacking stem or calyx, polished fruits *i. e.* having bloom wiped off, or for any other thing which tends to change the natural appearance of the fruit.

The column Total Value is for use when prizes are offered for fruit without designating the purpose for which such fruit may be required.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed,

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