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the crop of Sheldons be large or small; we always save it for home use; for none of its compeers, the Duchess, the Anjou, nor the Lawrence, though all are delicious, are as desirable. No member of the family would select one of the latter for eating when he can have the Sheldon.

The Committee on Pears, appointed by the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association, gave the Sheldon ten marks, the maximum number to indicate its value for dessert, and seven for market; but they have ranked the Anjou equally high, and, in our opinion, this might justly be amended to make the latter variety at least one point below the Sheldon.

The following description of this pear is given in "Fruits of Ontario," Tree vigorous, erect, not very productive, late coming into bearing. Fruit above medium in size, roundish, obtuse, obovate; skin yellowish green, covered with thin light russet, brownish crimson in sun, russet dots; stalk short, stout in a narrow cavity; calyx nearly open, in a broad basin. Flesh creamy white, buttery, juicy, sweet and aromatic. Season, October. One of the most delicious of dessert pears, if eaten just at the proper time. Worthy of a place in every home garden, but not productive enough to be planted for market.

Two or three reports concerning this

pear have been sent in, which we here insert:

W. Boulter, of Picton, Prince Edward Co., writes: "My experience with this variety has been poor. I planted ten years ago, seventy-five of them, and lost every one of them, perhaps due to the winters' cold. I gave them the same cultivation as the Clapp's Favorite and the Flemish Beauty, some three hundred of which I had by the side of them, and lost none. I think it will not endure the climate of this county."

Thos. Beall, of Lindsay, says: "I have not grown this pear, but I had two trees planted, which died before the bearing age. I do not know of its being grown in this locality."

The late Warren Holton, of Hamilton, said: "I have fruited the Sheldon for several years and think very highly of it. It is with me a moderate bearer when young, but improves with age. I consider it the best quality and it always commands the highest price and a ready sale in the local markets."

T. T. Lyon, of South Haven, Mich., once wrote: "The Sheldon pear is considerably grown for market in Michigan. It is a vigorous, healthy variety; a little variable in quality and somewhat uncertain in bearing. Aside from Bosc and Anjou, this and Howell may be said to range next to the Bartlett in the estimation of the mass of commercial planters of this fruit."

PROFESSOR S. T. Maynard says that the old varieties of apples are running out and cites the Baldwin as an example. The varieties which he calls new, and which he says are coming more into vogue, are Sutton, Palmer, McIntosh, Wealthy and Gano. None of these,

except possibly the last, are in reality new. All are good, says the Country Gentleman. Palmer, is little known, except locally. We suppose that this is the same as Palmer Greening, or more properly, Washington Royal.