

Northern Spy, Baldwin, Golden Russet, Rhode Island Greening, Ribston Pippin and Spitzenburgh ; yet these are the leading commercial kinds which the report of the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association for 1881, tells us are cultivated in that Province. The Golden Russet, perhaps, can be profitably grown, but yet it is not hardy enough to induce me to plant out a tenth of a thousand. A friend of mine in Mississquoi County informed me this Spring that he lost 60 trees of that variety last Winter.

*Half-hardy* varieties, Fameuse for example, from Ontario nurseries, and planted out in this Province, do not succeed as well as trees of the same variety, from a Quebec nursery. I have proved this fact to my own satisfaction, by trees in my experimental orchard. In 1876, I planted a row of Fameuse, received from Galt, Ont., and in the same orchard, only a few feet distant, a number of the same variety from Abbotsford, Que. What is the result ? To-day the Abbotsford trees are sound and healthy ; those from Galt nearly all, if not all, diseased and dying. Now the latter have had the same care and attention as the former and grown in the same soil. Why this marked difference ? Because the Galt trees, nursed in a milder climate, were induced to grow until late in the season, the Fall before they were sent to me. The young branches, no doubt, ripened their wood sufficiently to withstand the Winter in that part of Canada, but not in this. The mischief was done the first Winter here. The young branches are now main branches of these trees, and all are diseased and rotten, at their junction with the trunk, easily breaking off with the weight of fruit or in high winds.

The Hon. J. J. C. Abbott, whose orchard at St. Anne's is situated within a dozen miles of my own, has had much the same experience. His first trees were from Ontario and the West, and are dead or dying, never living long enough to bear paying crops ; but now he has a large and profitable orchard of Quebec nursery trees.

What varieties do I recommend ? Well, I have tried over 80 varieties of apples, but can recommend very few to grow for profit. The following, however, are the leading varieties :