

turity; the flesh is pale green in color, and the texture melting and juicy; the flavor is rich, sweet and agreeable. In season it is earlier than Reine Claude, coming in about the middle of August.

OPINIONS OF OTHERS.

HAROLD JONES, Maitland (St. Lawrence District):—The Green Gage plum has not proved generally satisfactory in this section. Trees that I planted in 1897 are partly dead, and have never blossomed. They suffered during the winter of 1902. I know of two trees that are protected by buildings from the north wind that have given good crops of fruit in favorable years; but generally speaking, the Green Gage is an uncertain cropper here and not profitable.

My experience and observation teach that European plums are generally unsatisfactory in this latitude, but some plums of the native American class are of good quality and succeed well.

A. E. SHERRINGTON, Walkerton:—The Green Gage plum is hardy and productive here, but in my opinion not as valuable as the Imperial Gage.

J. G. MITCHELL, Clarksburg:—The market demands large and showy fruit, and the

Green Gage, being rather small, has always sold at a low price here. Where the Reine Claude succeeds, which is really a large Green Gage, I think there is little use in growing the small Green Gage.

W. M. ORR, Fruitland:—We do not grow the Green Gage. Although the quality of the fruit is good, I consider it too small, and the tree is a poor grower. I prefer the Imperial Gage, of which the fruit is large and of good quality, and the tree vigorous and productive.

CHARLES ELLIS, Meaford:—Very few Green Gage plums are grown about here. The Reine Claude is often sold under that name; but the true Green Gage is small and not very productive so far as I have seen it, but it is very good for home use.

CHARLES LOWRY, Queenston:—The Green Gage is highly esteemed both as to productiveness of tree and quality of fruit; but the sale is limited. Every year I think the price of plums grows less, and unless some foreign market opens for them it seems to me there is little hope for plum growers.

F. G. STEWART, Homers:—The Green Gage is considered the best canning plum, and we get more for it at the factories than for any other. For home use it is superseded by the Reine Claude.

Editorial Notes and Comments

PLUM GROWING.

UNDER the auspices of that progressive body of fruit growers, the Niagara Peninsula United Fruit Growers' Association, a splendid meeting was held in the Town Hall, Stoney Creek, on the 12th March. The President, Mr. D. J. McKinnon, of Grimsby, occupied the chair, and the principal speaker was Mr. J. S.

Woodward, of Lockport, one of New York State's foremost teachers of advanced methods in fruit growing.

CONSCIENCE AND FRUIT GROWING.

IN Mr. Woodward's opinion fruit growers might be divided into two classes. (1) Those who grow fruit for fun; (2) Those who grow it for money. The first class