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## THE CRANBERRY PIPPIN.

**T**HE CRANBERRY PIPPIN when grown to perfection is an excellent market apple. Larger and higher colored than Ben Davis, an equally good shipper, and of slightly better quality, it is worthy of planting in place of that variety, in localities to which it is adapted.

Its finest appearance is about Christmas time, when its beautiful stripes and splashes of carmine show up brilliantly upon the yellow background, while the flesh is still firm and crisp.

It succeeds well in the southern portions of the province, especially along the shores of lakes Ontario and Erie, but so far has not been planted by very many apple growers. The writer has about twenty-five trees of this variety in full bearing, which sometimes give an average of four barrels per tree of very fine high grade apples, when other varieties are almost worthless.

In the autumn of 1895 the writer shipped to Edinburgh a carload of this variety; the boxes having his full address upon the outside. They were sold by Messrs. Wood

Omerod & Co. at top prices, and later on we received the following letter from Geo. Pegler & Co., Aberdeen, Fruiterers to Her Majesty and H. R. H. The Prince of Wales :

"We do not have the pleasure of personally knowing you but we have had the pleasure of handling some of your produce in the form of "Cranberry Pippins." The fruit (grade No. 1) has turned out in perfect condition and we have had the greatest pleasure in sending it out.

"We have, for long, hoped someone would adopt your method of packing and we are glad to see it now done. Hitherto the slaughter of fine fruit, tumbled into barrels, has been disappointing all round, and rendered dealing a most unpleasant and often unprofitable matter.

"We hope the extra care and trouble involved in your pack has proved remunerative and feel assured it has only to be persevered in to bring about the best results."

A few years ago we put up one hundred bushel boxes of this same apple for the Australian market, securing from the C. P. R. a special through rate from Toronto to Sidney of \$1.00 per box.