

Commercial Varieties of Apples for Planting.

By Department of Agriculture, Petrolia.

At this season of the year the prospective fruit grower is often confronted with a long list of varieties of apples from which to choose for his spring planting. To the most experienced fruit grower this is sometimes confusing and some attention and study should be given to the matter before placing the order. The multiplicity of varieties is often a detriment in many localities when the marketing season is on. To surmount this difficulty considerable investigation work has been carried on to arrive at a list of varieties most asked for by the market and which will, at the same time, be profitable to the grower. The practice of modern fruit growers has been to reduce the number of varieties to six or eight in the one orchard and out of the great number of different kinds offered for sale to limit their planting to the following, which are arranged in order of ripening.

Summer—Astrachan and Duchess. Fall—Gravenstein, Wealthy, McIntosh, Snow (Fameuse), and Blenheim. Winter—King, Hubbardston, Greening, Baldwin, Northern Spy and Stark. In a commercial orchard the following varieties could be planted in the proportions mentioned without any great mistake.

Variety.	Percentage.
Northern Spy.....	35
Baldwin.....	30
Greening.....	10
McIntosh.....	10
Snow.....	10
King.....	5
Total.....	100

It is realized that some of the varieties at first mentioned are not in those recommended for the commercial orchard and which, at the same time, are standard varieties. They do not, however, possess any desirable characters not included in the list and may as well be omitted unless warranted by some very local conditions. One feature of the Spy should be borne in mind; viz., the long time required before it comes into bearing. This difficulty is partially overcome by planting Tallman Sweet or McMahon White and after two or three years, growth top graft them to Spys, the scions for which have been secured from vigorous productive trees. The stock of the King tree is subject to collar rot and this may be overcome by grafting onto another variety as in the case of the Spy. The market now calls for no less than 33 per cent. Spys in all orders and planting heavily of that kind will insure a profitable orchard. They are the king of apples and no variety yet discovered promises to take its place.

Straight growthy trees no older than two years should be planted. Order from reliable firms and pay the price—it is economy in the end.

Bulletin 194 (Apple Orchard) will be sent free to any address.

W. H. PORTER.

SCHOOL REPORTS.

Report for S. S. No. 5, Brooke. Average for October. Class IV.—S. Higgins 75, G. Sutton 54. Class III.—Sr.—R.

Clark 73, B. Whitehead 71, K. McLachlan 50. Jr.—B. Sutton 51. Part II.—C. Higgins 82, M. Watson 81, L. Annett 68. Class I.—Sr.—H. Sutton 69. Jr.—M. Whitehead 100, E. Watson 99, R. Clark 92.—W. KELLY, Teacher.

INWOOD.

Mr. Lee Aylesworth made a business trip to Toronto last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Collins, Strathroy, visited their father, Mr. John Collins, over Sunday.

Messrs. Lon and Bill Aylesworth, Watford, spent Sunday with their parents here.

Mrs. Emily Laws has returned home after spending two months with her son in Alberta.

Bert McLaughlin has been packing apples for the past two months for Johnson Bros., of Kettle Point.

Rev. N. A. Campbell was re-elected President of the London Library Institute at their meeting held in London on November 11th and 12th.

Mr. Wm. Warren has received a hundred dollar cheque from the Dominion Government as a veteran of the Fenian Raid, he having belonged to the Prescott Artillery.

Mrs. Courtright, President of the East Lambton Women's Institute, was in Rokeby last week and organized a branch Women's Institute for that district.

The Ladies Guild of the Anglican Church held their annual bazaar last Friday in the Orange Hall, and took in over \$120.00 which will be used on painting and decorating the interior of the Church.

The regular meeting of the Inwood branch of the Women's Institute will be held in the Forester's Hall at 2.30 on Thursday November 28th. All ladies are invited to attend.

TUBERCULOSIS DAY IS NEXT SABBATH

Clergymen and Laymen Will Unite in Helping Work for Consumptives of Province.

The response made to the efforts of the National Sanitarium Association to secure the observance of next Sunday, December 1st, as Tuberculosis Day throughout the Province of Ontario has been exceptionally cordial and encouraging. Letters expressing approval and promising support have been received from not only the most prominent statesmen and church dignitaries, but also from the clergy as a body and leading laymen. In addition to having the ministers devote their discourses to the work being carried on for the benefit of sufferers from consumption, with advice as to the cure and prevention of the disease, the suggestion has been made that medical men or laymen familiar with the subject should be given an opportunity to supplement the sermon by brief and helpful addresses. This suggestion is being adopted by many of the clergymen, and the innovation should add to the educative value of the day. It is not intended to ask for special offerings, the collections being devoted to the ordinary purposes of the church.

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The Government report on the business of the Sterling Bank for the last five months denotes the steady growth of the institution—due to conservative management.

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July 31st.....	\$5,440,050.27	\$7,993,844.28
August 31st.....	\$5,485,870.14	\$8,142,310.07
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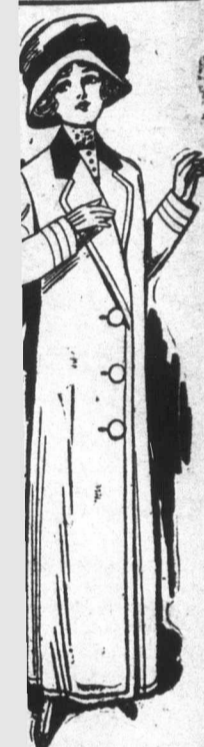
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