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THE PRINCE OF WALES PLUM.

SINCE plum growing has become such an important industry in Ontario, our readers will be interested in a colored plate of a new variety which was commended at our last winter meeting by Mr. S. D. Willard, of Geneva, N. Y. Of course it is a novelty, not yet tested except at Geneva, yet its behavior there is sufficient to encourage growers elsewhere to give it a trial. The colored plate is one which was prepared under the direction of Mr. Willard, from fruit which he grew in his own orchard. The variety was originated by Mr. Thos. Rivers, a celebrated horticulturist of Sawbridgeshire, England, and was imported direct from him by Mr. Willard, who writes us his opinion of this plum in the following terms: "The tree is very hardy, exceedingly productive, and the fruit is of good quality. Its appearance renders it quite a favorite in the markets which we patronize. It is one of the best out of a large number of varieties of plums which we imported from Mr. Rivers. My experience, however, leads me to be careful in recommending any varieties for general planting upon all soils and in all sections."

The fruit is round, medium size ; skin reddish purple, with a thick bloom ; flesh greenish yellow and of good quality ; very productive, and ripens early in September.