

market pear, it is highly to be commended. In a basket it has a prettier appearance than even the Bartlett, and when in competition with that variety, will bring an equally high price, besides having the advantage of ripening a few days later.

Mr. McKenzie Ross, of Chatham, stated at the meeting held there in 1887, that he had been growing the Doyenne Boussock in his orchard, and found that it would produce twice as many pears to the tree as the Bartlett. We give in this paper the experience of others rather than our own, because our trees at Maplehurst have not yet come into bearing. We shall be pleased to receive the testimony of any one in Ontario who has fruited this pear, for publication in the next number of our journal.

Mr. A. McD. Allan, of Goderich, speaks of the Doyenne Boussock pear in the following terms: "This is one of the most valuable for the general planter; a strong grower and a very regular bearer of fine, large fruit, good in quality, and always commands a good price wherever the Bartlett will sell. I have known it to be bought and sold as Bartlett. I am glad you are going to give a plate of it in the HORTICULTURIST, as it deserves to be kept before the public."

P. C. Derpsey, of Trenton, writes under date of July 21st: "The Doyenne Boussock pear I have grown for more than twenty years. With me the pear is a good grower on sand, clay or loam, and I have never seen one blighted branch, though other varieties all around it have been blighted. The fruit is always large and firm, if not allowed to overbear. Sometimes it needs thinning. I consider it one of the best market pears we have, and I believe it to be one of the most hardy."

The following description of the Doyenne Boussock pear is taken from "Downing's Fruits and Fruit Trees of America":

"Fruit varying in form, obovate, inclining to pyriform, or roundish obtuse obovate. Skin rough, deep yellow, netted and clouded with russet, with a warm cheek. Stalk rather short and stout, inserted in a round cavity. Calyx open. Basin shallow. Flesh buttery, juicy, melting, sweet, aromatic, and excellent. Very good. September and October."

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BUCKWHEAT FOR TREES.—The North Dakota *Farmer* says that two years ago a Central Dakota farmer planted five acres of box elder and cottonwood trees one year old, having previously prepared the land. He then sowed buckwheat quite thick, which grew luxuriantly, and being left uncut, served as an excellent mulch, protecting from the hot sun of July and August, the cold winter, and alternate freezing and thawing of early spring. The land was well seeded from the first crop, and another heavy crop was allowed to grow last year, and left on the ground as before. The trees have stood both winters well, and the percentage of loss is very small. The buckwheat straw subdued the weeds and saved the labor of repeated cultivation.—*O. T.*