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THE McINTOSH RED.



**T**HIS is a Canadian seedling of great value, not only for the north, for which section its great hardiness is a valuable characteristic, but also for the southern portions of Ontario, on account of its gorgeous coloring and excellent quality. The Fameuse has usually held the first place as a dessert apple, but the McIntosh Red, a winter apple which resembles it in texture of flesh, even surpasses it in coloring, size and quality. In its perfection, it may be described as being magnificent in coloring, a sort of rosewood red with a heavy blue bloom.

Dr. Hoskins, the best authority we have on hardy apples, speaks of the McIntosh Red as the best and most beautiful apple of its season, and, on account of its thick skin, an excellent shipper.

How unfortunate that it should have two serious faults: one, in that it scabs almost as badly as the Fameuse, and another, in the fact that, while its wood is as hardy as the Fameuse, or Wealthy, its fruit-buds are more tender, so that in cold sections it becomes a shy bearer!

Our committee on apples have only given it six marks for dessert and seven for market. Possibly they would have ranked it higher, were it not for the fact that it is a new and comparatively little tested variety.

The apple takes its name from a Mr. McIntosh, who lived at Dundela, forty-five degrees north latitude, in the county of Dundas. The original tree still stands. It is eighty years of age, and still in a vigorous condition.