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BRADSHAW PLUM

(NIAGARA. BLUE IMPERIAL.)

CONSIDERED by many one of the most valuable of the European varieties, whether for home use or market, because of its fine quality, its large size and beautiful appearance.

Tree.—Erect, vigorous, very productive, somewhat subject to black knot.

Fruit.—Large, $2\frac{1}{4} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$; stalk one inch long, slightly curved; color, reddish purple, with blue bloom, apex round, slightly de-

pressed; suture on one side, broad and shallow.

Flesh.—Color, yellowish, juicy, tender; flavor, rich and sweet; pit, long thin oval, $1\frac{1}{4} \times \frac{7}{8}$, partial cling.

Quality.—Dessert, very good; cooking very good.

Value.—Near markets; first-class.

Season.—August 15th to 30th.

Notes and Comments

PLUM GROWING IN ONTARIO

A GREAT advance in plum growing has been made in Ontario during the last twenty years. Before that fruit growing had scarcely developed into a special line of agriculture, and plums especially were neglected because it was generally supposed that the curculio would take them all, as it already did the fruit of the few trees of the garden. But by and by it was found possible to grow the plum in such a quantity as to feed both man and curculio, until now some growers

even count this insect a friendly helper in thinning the crop.

Encouraged in this way large orchards have of late been planted in many parts of Ontario, especially along the southern shore of the Georgian Bay, and the north shore of Lake Erie and the shore bordering the head of Lake Ontario.

THE EUROPEAN PLUMS

FOR excellence of quality no class of plums can be compared to the European or Domestica class. For hundreds of