

chards, nor received an answer to a communication addressed to him, I am unable to speak positively, but I understand he has cultivated Fameuse and St. Lawrence largely for over thirty years. The soil of the Island appears very suitable, as numbers of seedlings are growing on the highways, and so equal in distance are the trees one from the other that I presume they have been planted there.

---

One often hears the assertion that "apple trees do not live long enough nowadays to be profitable," that in fact the trees alone are to blame. This idea is not by any means a new one. Henry Phillips in his "Companion to the Orchard," a book published in London, 1831, says Pliny writes (1800 years ago) of the decay of the apple trees in his time, and observes that "*the apple trees become old sooner than any other tree*, and that the fruit becomes less, and is subject to be "cankered and worm-eaten even while on the tree."

It is a well known fact that apple trees are grown more easily (in fact, without any care whatever) on the virgin soil of newly settled parts of Canada than in the older settled districts. But if trees will not grow in the older settled parts now, it is in my opinion more the fault of the cultivator than the tree; as having allowed his soil to become impoverished, the tree in consequence becomes enfeebled, and in this state soon succumbs to the attacks of insects or severe winters.

Of course, all things being equal, some varieties of apple trees live longer than others; but to maintain a tree in a healthy condition that it may bear largely and live long it is necessary to keep the soil in good condition. We planted a St. Lawrence tree about eighteen years ago quite near a hennery, its roots extending into the hennery yard. It may be said, therefore, that this tree stood in the richest of soil. What has been the result? This tree is larger and healthier than those of the same variety and the same age in the orchard; it has always borne more and better fruit. The attacks of the borer have not injured it, and it has never been affected with sun-scald; in fact it is the best tree on the farm.