

## TWO HARDY APPLES.

Two samples of apples, which are seedlings grown in the Province of Quebec, have come to hand from Mr. Dery, of Mont. St. Hilaire. Both are grown from the seed of American Baldwins, and resemble each other so much that only a connoisseur could distinguish between them. The one called Dery's Seedling is, however, more highly colored. It is said to be a good bearer, and the fruit keeps until June in good condition. The other is called Alexis Baldwin, and also keeps until June, but with dry spots at the core.

The trees from which these two apples were gathered are each of them seventy years of age, and still produce heavy crops; all this speaks very highly concerning the hardiness of the tree, and the keeping qualities of the fruit. The apples are not sufficiently mature yet for us to speak of their quality.

## THE BESSEMIANKA PEAR.

Dr. Hoskins writes in the *Orchard and Garden* that at last a Russian pear, worthy of cultivation, has been found. These Russians have been in cultivation for nine years in America and, so far, no one has been heard of who can bite into a ripe specimen of any one of them. But it now appears to be a well established fact that the Bessemianka is an exception. Mr. A. Jack, of Chateauquay Basin, Que., has fruited it, as well as Prof. Budd, of Iowa, and both report that the fruit was of such good quality that it was all stolen and eaten even before maturity. This year the Doctor has fruited this variety in his own garden. It ripened by the 5th of September, and he classes it as the only one of the iron-clad pears with which he is acquainted, which possesses a very good dessert quality. The flesh is buttery, something like the Bartlett in flavor; in size, small to medium; color, green, ripening to a yellowish, without any redness or russet. The flesh is white and very juicy; unmistakably it is a fine dessert pear, and one which bids fair to be a very useful fruit for the cold north.

## HOSKIN'S SEEDLING WINE GRAPE.

SIR,—I send you three bunches of a seedling grape which came up between an Alvey and a Delaware, and is five years old. It bore a few last year, and this year has fifty bunches on twenty-five feet of wood. It is rather late, and only suitable for wine. Its chief fault is having a few green berries scattered on every bunch, after the others are colored. Probably it would ripen earlier and more evenly in a warmer climate. The bunches I send you are the largest and medium size. The wood ripens well.

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This grape might prove valuable for wine making, but the quality is not good enough to make it desirable for any other purpose. The largest bunch weighed ten ounces, and the berries upon it were remarkably close. In size and color it resembles the Clinton, but does not equal it in quality.