

THE LARUE OR BAXTER APPLE.

SIR :—I do not know whether Mr. Nichol or your printer has made a mistake—probably the latter, as a *z* may easily be mistaken for an *n* when written, but a mistake has been made in the *JUNE HORTICULTURIST* in the name of the apple Mr. Nichol writes about. It should not be Larne, but Larue. It may interest your readers to know that Billa Larue, from whom it took its name, received a grant of a number of lots of land in the township of Escott as early as 1802, and planted not only apple, but walnut and chestnut trees. Some of the apple trees planted by him yet remain on the property, now in the hands of a family named Snell, also descended from the first settlers. Larue's apples became famous all through this part of the country. Last year I was spending my holidays in that neighborhood, and became interested in some rifle pits and other relics of the early wars on the Larue property. Some time afterwards I happened to speak of the matter to my father, now over eighty, when he immediately asked me about the apple trees, as he remembered hearing of and eating Larue's apples when a boy. I could relate some of the legends respecting Larue and his alleged wealth, and of the appearance of his ghost, or those of his numerous wives, who lie buried beside him under the shadow of some of the old apple trees on the old farm; but as yours is a horticultural rather than an historical journal, I will forbear. But let the correct name be applied to the apple, so that the memory of its introducer may be properly handed down.—J. J. BELL, *Brockville, June, 1889.*

Words from the Cold North.

SIR :—Is there not some mistake in that valuable paper of Mr. Nichol's as printed in the *JUNE HORTICULTURIST* on the "Baxter" apple?

I notice he calls it the "Larne." I am inclined to think the mistake is in the reading of the manuscript, and it is one that could be very easily made. I have known the apple for several years under the name of "LARUE OR BAXTER," but never knew it to be called Larne before. Kindly see letter in *HORTICULTURIST* for March, 1884, page 59.

This apple was first brought to my notice on the tables of one of the agricultural exhibitions in Kings. It is very large, attractive in appearance, keeps till February, and is fair in quality—as Mr. Nichol says, preferable in this respect to either Alexander or Ben Davis. But in our section it must rank along the "almost hardy enough" varieties. As yet I have not succeeded in growing it successfully, neither do I know of any one growing it in this section. Our

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this year are very poor for everything but small fruits. Plums, apples, and even crabs are a complete failure. Small fruits will be in abundance.

Can any of your readers give me any information *re* the

CRIMSON PIPPIN APPLE.

I have two trees that are very promising. I have had them now for four years, and as yet they have withstood our cold winters remarkably well. They were given me by one of my horticultu-