

East Central District: Mr. Wm. Pickard, Newcastle, writes: The St. Lawrence apple is not largely grown in my district. It is apt to spot badly, and while a first-class dessert apple for home use, and is well thought of and in demand in Montreal, usually bringing top prices, it is by no means a good export apple. Under ordinary conditions it usually lands in somewhat bad con-

dition, and consequently nett returns are anything but satisfactory.

Essex District: Mr. J. L. Killborn, Leamington, writes: St. Lawrence apple is not grown at all here, at least I have not seen a tree of it in this county, but believe there is an odd one. There are a few trees growing in Lambton county, but they are much affected with the apple scab.

Editorial Notes

PLANTING TIME is near at hand. The fruit grower, who intends to enlarge his fruit garden or his orchard, should employ these days of comparative leisure in studying the varieties best adapted to his purpose.

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MAKE UP A LIST and write the most reliable Canadian nurseries for their best terms. By dealing direct, especially if the order is large, much lower prices will be accepted than by ordering through an agent, whose expenses and time must be paid for out of the sales.

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FOR THE COMMERCIAL ORCHARD the novice in fruit growing should write the Department of Agriculture for the report of the Fruit Experiment Stations of Ontario, in which will be found reliable information with regard to the most profitable varieties and those best adapted for the various sections.

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FOR THE HOME GARDEN quite a different list may be selected, for many of the best and highest flavored fruits for the table are not sufficiently productive to be worthy a place in the market garden. Inquiries with regard to varieties, their characteristics and their adaptability to the various sections of

Ontario will be cheerfully answered in the columns of the Canadian Horticulturist.

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WORTHLESS AND INFERIOR VARIETIES should be eradicated or top-grafted this spring. It costs as much to grow a cider apple as a good market variety; the one sells at 10 cents a bushel, the other at 50 cents.

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TOP-GRAFTING is a simple operation, which every fruit grower should practice for himself. Professionals charge \$3.00 a day for this work, and often make double that by charging three cents for every cion that grows. There is no mystery about it. The accompanying cuts will show the process without explanation.

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PRACTICE in grafting of course makes perfect, and the novice should first try his hand upon some waste branches. The great point is to make clear smooth cuts, and for this sharp tools and a steady hand

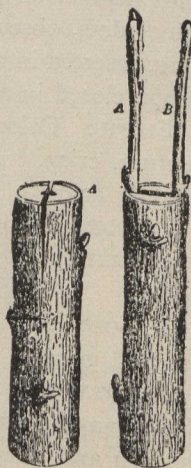


FIG. 2723 GRAFTING.