

From my own observation and the experience of others, I am of opinion that our seasons are not sufficiently warm, as a general rule, to produce good and perfect specimens of this fruit; but in Cornwallis, Horton, Windsor, and some other places, the pear often attains fair size, is of good flavor, ripens well, and is free from spots or cracking. The trees are not more subject to winter kill, fire blight, and other diseases, than the apple or plum; and the old centenarians still existing in a vigorous state are a proof of this.

Within a few years some persons have planted the dwarf pear quite extensively; but, while they give earlier returns, I do not think they will be in any other respect equal to the standards, as they are more liable to fire blight and winter kill, an important point in a climate such as ours.

The late Hon. C. R. Prescott cultivated the pear quite extensively, and introduced a large variety of sorts, but few of which, however, did well with him, owing in part, doubtless, to his having selected, for a portion of his orchard, a piece of ground with a cold, wet, subsoil; consequently many of his trees had but a limited existence; those more favorably situated, however, did well.

The pear with us finds a ready sale, and at remunerative prices; the *Bartlett* taking the lead, and the *Louise Bonne of Jersey* being also very popular. Some very fine specimens of *Clapp's Favorite* were for the first time on exhibition at our annual fruit show last year, and which for size, beauty, and flavor, well sustained the character of this new and popular variety. I may add that the cultivation of the pear is coming rapidly into favor with fruit culturists in our section of Nova Scotia.

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The out-door cultivation of the grape in Nova Scotia can never be successfully practised on a large scale, as the length and warmth of our seasons, as a general rule, are not sufficient to mature it in perfection. With favorable localities, however, intelligent cultivation, the annual renewal system and girdling, large and fine grapes of the earlier kinds, such as *Isabella*, *Hartford Prolific*, *Concord* and *Delaware*, are produced by some cultivators. But little is attempted at out-door culture of the grape, except in the valleys of Kings and Annapolis; and even there by but a few, who from experience and observation, adopting the system above-mentioned, succeed very well.