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THE WINDSOR CHERRY.



HIS cherry has been so much talked about during the past ten years that our readers will be pleased to see a colored plate of it as a frontispiece to this number.

In Ontario the later cherries have proved rather more profitable than the early ones because of American competition. For this reason we are inclined to plant English Morello instead of Montmorency, and Elkhorn and Windsor instead of Governor Wood and Black Tartarian.

Our colored plate shows prodigious fruitfulness; but only in exceptional cases have we found the Windsor to bunch in this way. More often the fruit hangs in twos and threes, and gives only a moderate yield. The worst fault with the Bigarreau cherries is their susceptibility to the Rot, and we have found the Elkhorn very troublesome in wet seasons. This same fault seems to be common with the Windsor, but probably can be controlled with Bordeaux spray. Indeed Mr. W. M. Orr, of Fruitland, stated

at Cobourg that he had succeeded in harvesting an excellent crop of cherries of various sorts, including the Windsor, during this past season when cherries in orchards not sprayed were perfectly worthless. From his evidence it would seem that spraying the cherry is most signal in its results in controlling monilia.

This cherry originated in the grounds of the late James Dougall, Windsor, has been well tested in New York State, and has the reputation of being hardier than most other varieties.

We have grown it at Maplehurst for some years, and have planted out about two acres of the variety, but have not as yet sufficient notes to make a permanent description of it. We quote the following note from the report of the Michigan Experimental Station, which accords with our experience thus far: "Free, vigorous, and a good cropper; fruit large heart-shaped; color dark red; quality very good. A very valuable market cherry."