

APPENDIX.

I.—REPORT ON CANADIAN FRUITS EXHIBITED AT THE COLONIAL AND INDIAN EXHIBITION, OCTOBER 20th, 1886.

A special meeting of members of the Fruit Committee of the Royal Horticultural Society was held this day in the Colonial and Indian Exhibition, F. F. Rivers, Esq., in the chair, to inspect the collection of hardy fruits exhibited by the Canadian Commission.

These comprised extensive collections of apples, pears, grapes, etc., from the Provinces of Ontario, Columbia, Quebec, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, etc.

Apples constituted the most prominent and important feature, and proved of much interest to the committee, many of the examples shown being of large size and extremely handsome in appearance—the high coloration of many being specially remarkable and noteworthy—greatly excelling in this respect the same varieties grown in this country.

The following varieties of apples were specially noted as possessing fine appearance, viz:—Beauty of Kent, Blenheim Orange, Ben Davis, Boston Russet, Blue Pearmain, (good) Bourassa Russet, (Scarlet Russet), Baldwin, large, good, Cayuga Red Streak, Colvert, Canada Red, Clyde Beauty, large, Emperor Alexander, extremely handsome, Fillbasket, Fallawater, Flushing Spitzenburg, Foundling, excellent quality, handsome, Guile Noire, dark, Gravenstein, good, Gloria Mundi, very large, Hamilton's Beauty, Hawker Pippin, Hyslop Crabs, very beautiful, Jonathan, small, bright, good late, Johnston Red, small, King of Tomkins County, very large and beautiful, King of the Pippins, Mann, late green, Maiden's Blush, very handsome, Mammoth Pippin, Northern Spy, Ribston Pippin, Republican, Snow or Fameuse, excellent, St. Lawrence, Seek no Further, Swazie Pomme Grise, Trenton, very handsome and good, Twenty Ounce, Vandevere, peculiarly spotted, Wealthy, fine quality, good color, Wagener, Wellington, Yellow Bellefleur, fine quality.

Cox's Orange Pippin was remarked as being greatly inferior to those of English growth, both in appearance and quality.

The collection of pears did not present such an attractive appearance, some very fine samples were, however, shown of the following varieties: Beurré Clairgeau, Beurré Hardy, Beurré d'Anjou, Duchesse d'Angoulême, Flemish Beauty, Louise Bonne of Jersey, Marie Louise, Mount Vernon, Onondaga, Vicar of Winkfield, White Doyenne (extremely rich.)

Grapes made a conspicuous display, but of these, as dessert fruit, no opinion could be expressed—the peculiar foxy taste and gelatinous flesh belonging to the grapes of America requiring some experience to discriminate. Some of Rogers' new seedlings were remarked as both large and handsome.

The following new seedling fruits, submitted to the committee, were considered worthy:

(1) Apple—Trenton Seedling from Golden Russet, raised by Mr. P. C. Dempsey, Ontario. Fruit medium size, sound, bright red; flesh tender, sweet, and extremely pleasant, somewhat resembles the Snow Apple.

(2) Apple Seedling from Mr. C. G. Fitzgerald, London, Ontario. Fruit medium size, highly colored; fine, tender flesh.

(3) Apple Seedling from Mr. W. Scott, Lambeth, Ontario, greatly resemble "Duchess of Oldenburg."

(4) Seedling Pear (Dempsey) raised by Mr. Dempsey, Trenton, Ontario, from William Bon Chretien and Duchesse d'Angouleme. Fruit large, resembling Duchesse d'Angouleme; flesh melting, sweet and pleasant.

(5) Seedling Grape Emerald, from Prof. Wm. Saunders, London, Ontario, was considered the best of the Canadian sorts exhibited.

The following resolution was unanimously passed by the committee:

"Having inspected the extensive and attractive exhibition of hardy fruits comprising apples, pears, grapes, etc., from the several fruit growing provinces of the Dominion of Canada, the committee desire to express the great gratification they derived from the opportunity of seeing the fine growth and high color of the majority of the specimens. Many varieties were tasted and found excellent, more especially the tender fleshed apples.

"In comparing some well known varieties that have long been in cultivation in Great Britain, the Canadian apples are found to differ in that rich flavour which is peculiar to some of the British apples.

"The committee are aware that some samples of fruit were gathered before maturity in order to be presented at this Exhibition."

(Signed) A. T. BARROW,
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