

New • or • Little • Known • Fruits

THE ONTARIO APPLE :—

SIR,—I have extolled the Ontario as a thrifty grower, early and annual bearer, of fine, large symmetrical, long-keeping apple. The crop on a tree which I gave to a friend in 1880 was gathered yesterday, two barrels and a bushel of very large, finely colored, handsome fruit. It was a great satisfaction to me, confirming my own estimate of it, to see it so highly rated in the January HORTICULTURIST, receiving a value of 39 in a possible 40, higher than any other winter apple, the nearest being Spy and King, 38 each. I should not rate the Ontario so highly here for dessert.—CHARLES E. BROWN, *Yarmouth, N.S.*

SAMPLE APPLES FROM NOVA SCOTIA.—Mr. S. H. Purdy, of Greenville, N.S., sends three sample apples, numbered 1, 2 and 3, asking for names and opinion of size and quality. No. 1 was decayed past identification: No. 2 is a *Haas*, and rather under size. It is a fine fall apple, especially at the north, where its hardiness makes it most desirable. It is at its best in November. No. 3 may be a poorly colored sample of the Bethel of Vermont, for which Mr. Purdy says he planted the tree.

SEEDLING PEARS :—

SIR,—I send you sample pears which are supposed to be seedlings of this place, as the tree was found when about four feet high growing among weeds and brush by the side of a railway. The tree is perfectly healthy.—THOS. BEALL, *Lindsay, Ont.*

These samples were in an over-ripe condition, so that it is impossible to give an accurate description of them. They have remarkable stems, two inches in length, a golden-colored skin with a blushed cheek, and fine grained flesh. They are apparently of good quality. Size below medium. Season, September.

JOHNSON'S SEEDLING APPLE :—

SIR,—I mail you an apple raised at L'Orignal. The tree is hardy and bears pretty good crops.—CHARLES HARDISTY, *Clarence, Ont.*

This might be a desirable fall cooking apple for the north. Description—Size, medium; form, regular, roundish; stem set in a small contracted cavity; calyx partially closed in a shallow-plated basin; skin, clean bright yellow with a handsome blushed cheek, and sprinkled with numerous small, dark-brown dots; flesh tender, juicy, with a rich aromatic flavor, somewhat resembling that of the Fall Pippin. Very good. Season, November.

WILLSON'S SEEDLING APPLE :

SIR,—I send you samples of a seedling apple from a tree growing by the kitchen door in Mr. B. Willson's yard, Wingham. It has grown up from seed accidentally dropped some twelve years ago. The tree has a rather compact, bushy head, and is apparently a healthy, vigorous grower. It bore three or four apples last year for the first time. It is well worth your notice.—J. A. MORTON, *Wingham.*

This is a magnificent fall apple. Its great size and fine color would make it a