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THE HOWELL PEAR.



FOR cultivation in the southern part of our Province we know of no variety of pear of its season superior to the Howell. We have grown it for the past thirty years at "Maplehurst," and the tree has proved itself healthy, vigorous, and productive. Nor is it of less importance to the planter to know that it is an early and regular bearer. The variety originated with Thos. Howell, New Haven, Conn., and bears the name of the originator. The large size, smooth, and clear skin, make a favorite for selling in the markets, at a time when it has few competitors.

The following is the description of this pear, as we have given it in the Report of the Ontario Fruit Experiment Stations.

*Fruit*—Large, obovate, pyriform; skin yellowish, waxen, reddish dots on sunny side, russet dots in the shade; stem  $1\frac{3}{4}$  inches long; no cavity, point of insertion sometimes lipped; calyx partly open, in a deep russeted basin; core small; seeds few, small.

*Flesh*—Creamy-white, juicy, melting, granular near the core; flavor vinous, agreeable; a little tart.

*Season*—Middle of September till middle of October.