

posed situations, this is my reason for making enquiry regarding figs.—GEO. W. BEE-LEE, *Agassiz, B. C.*

*The Ontario Apple* was distributed by our Association for testing in the year 1879. It was originated by the late Chas. Arnold, of Paris, and by him considered one of his best seedlings. At the winter meeting in London, in January 1885, it was referred to by Mr. T. H. Parker, of Woodstock, as a magnificent apple, and keeping well until that time. Mr. Wm. Saunders stated that he had had it fruiting for two years, and for its age it was the most productive tree he had. The fruit is uniform in size, an excellent cooking apple, and a fair table apple. Mr. A. MacD. Allan said it was one of the best of shipping apples.

It is hardly wise for us yet to recommend

anyone to plant this apple extensively for a commercial orchard, until it has been more fully tested. We would like to hear from a good many, briefly giving the result of their tests with this apple. The tree at Maplehurst is unfortunately not living.

Figs are not grown at all in Ontario, so that we have no experience to offer. There are several hundred varieties, but all are tender, not enduring a lower temperature than fourteen degrees Fahr. above zero.

*The Cortland Seedling* grape has not yet been tested to any extent in Ontario. Its disseminators claim that it is the earliest grape in North America, ripening about the middle of August. The color is black, and the berries large and sweet with a thin skin and very little pulp. It is said to be very hardy, and quite free from mildew.

## Open Letters

### OPENING UP THE BRITISH APPLE MARKET.

SIR,—Prospects so far for fruit crop are exceptionally good. I have finally decided to go to Britain in the early fall to take charge of all fruit sales, and have now made magnificent arrangements where cargoes can be broken and forwarded on the through bill of lading into all cities and large towns in Britain; storage and re-packing rooms *free*, and we have *special* agents in almost every town now, so that we shall be in a position to supply local markets direct.—ALEX. MCD. ALLAN.

### FRUIT IN HURON CO.—STRAWBERRY YIELD.

Gooseberries were a very good crop here last year. The yield on my grounds was seven hundred quarts on a tenth of an acre. Your subscriber here, Mr. A. Stewart, from a bed of strawberries 92 feet by 20, set out the spring previous and well attended to, gathered last summer 230 boxes. That is the best we have heard of in these parts. Wishing prosperity to THE HORTICULTURIST and success to yourself in your good work, I am yours truly, SAMUEL FEAR, *Brussels, Ont.*

### LIST OF SCIONS FROM RUSSIA.

From Dr. A. Grell, Moscow, a celebrated grower of Russian fruits:—(1) Miron; (2) Bieloj Naliv, (White Transparent); (3) Skvozina, (Transparent); (4) Anis, very hardy, like Antonovka; (5) Skrut; (6) Skryj Apple; (7) Aport (in your country, Alexander); (8) Antonovka (white); (9) Arkad; (10) Worgulek; (11) Koryschnevoi (Cinnamon apple); (12) Somnitelnoe (Doubtful). From Solovieff of Moscow:—(13) Gruschevka (Pear Apple); (14) Plodovitka, (Productive Apple); (15) Titovka, (Tetofsky); (16) Arkad; (17) Aport (Alexander); (18) Dynoe, (Melon Apple); (19) Miron; (20) Korobov, (Box Apple); (21) Borovinka, (in your country Duchess, but in Russia we have two sorts, light and dark skinned) From Kozlov:—(22) Koryschnevoi (Cinnamon); (23) Legen, (Keeper); (24) Stone Antonovka; (25) Borovinka (Duchesse); (26) Lopough; (27) Plodovitka; (28) Lebedka, (Swan Apple); (29) Antonovka, white; (30) Titovka (Tetofsky); (31) Billoj Naliv. From Government of Tschernigov:—(36) Stone Antonovka, (from the garden it is disseminated in Russia); (37a) Putim Fall; (37b) Putim Summer; (38) Stklianka Glass; (39) (Lolotarev) Gold Apple, good winter apple. From Mr.