

RIBSTON PIPPIN.

For this noted English apple, we are again indebted to Mr. Prescott, he having imported from London, in about the year 1814, the first tree of the sort ever planted in the Province. This tree, the parent of the many thousands scattered throughout the Counties of Annapolis, Kings, and Hants, which grew in the centre of a shrubbery or pleasure garden, in front of the mansion at "Acacia Grove" Town Plot, Cornwallis, is now dead. The fruit is highly valued in the London markets, if placed there in good order and condition.

Tree—hardy, spreading, rather irregular in growth, requires careful pruning to make a handsome head, easily distinguished by the leaf, which is small and thin, having a tendency to turn up and show the underside, giving the foliage, at a little distance a peculiar greyish appearance. On dry, sandy or gravelly soils it requires good cultivation, and the application of lime, ashes, or March mud, to prevent the fruit from falling before maturity; but on good loams, and all strong, well-drained soils, it is very reliable and profitable, bearing every year. Fruit—medium, roundish, conical, sometimes obscurely ribbed; skin greenish-yellow, russeted around the stalk, sometimes extending over a large portion of the surface. In the sun it has a brownish-red cheek, sometimes covering two-thirds to three-fourths of the fruit. Stalk short, slender, cavity rather wide and even; calyx small, closed; basin angular, sometimes wrinkled; flesh yellow, firm; flavor aromatic, rich, brisk, sub-acid; season, December to April. Use—table, kitchen, and market.

BLENHEIM PIPPIN.

This fine English apple, which originated at Blenheim Castle, the seat of the Duke of Marlboro, was first introduced in Nova Scotia by Mr. Prescott; and although not at first a favorite, is now rapidly gaining ground as a profitable market sort. Tree—very strong, vigorous, spreading, and when in full-bearing, make a round, drooping, handsome head. It does not come early into bearing; but when once established is very reliable, bearing heavy crops of fine, even-sized fruit with but little waste or refuse.

Fruit—large, roundish, flattened, regular; stalk usually short, slender, curved, frequently grows under a lip; cavity wide, somewhat deep, and russeted; calyx large, open, with reflexed segments; basin broad, deep, waved, or irregular; skin, dull greenish-yellow, becoming