

the seed from Mr. Austin Wheeler, who had in bearing at the time the Late Strawberry and other varieties—brought from the Spalding Nursery on Shefford Mountain, the grafts for which nursery were brought from New England.

The Blunt is without doubt a seedling of the Late Strawberry, which last variety is known in the County of Brome as Wheeler's Lawrence.

In nursery the Blunt is more "stocky" and vigorous than the Fameuse, is quite hardy, and is such a tree as nurserymen can readily find sale for. In orchard it is upright in growth, but opens from excessive fruiting, causing even a weeping habit of growth in this "stocky" tree. The growth, though less "brushy" than the Strawberry, needs a good deal of pruning, which pruning does not, however, seem to injure, showing proper maturity of wood. It bears every year, but heavily alternate, which are the "odd" years.

Fruit, large—on young trees very large. The parent tree, which has been in sod since planted, has borne specimens 14 inches in circumference. Skin, greenish yellow, mottled and splashed with red. Form, roundish. Flesh, yellowish, juicy, crisp, rather coarse, sprightly, subacid, good. It ripens evenly and keeps—let us be on the safe side and say—till March. Mr. Blunt has kept them till June 15th, yet from the texture of the fruit we judge that when barrelled and shipped its keeping would not average anything like so late a date.

Though large in size, the Blunt cannot command the same price as a bright, all-red apple; yet as a *late keeper* for home use and for local markets it promises to be of *real value*. We therefore awarded it, as in the case of the Victoria, a special prize.

The following were the varieties on exhibition :

Red Astrachan, Duchess of Oldenburg, Newbury Sweeting, Calville d'Été, Fall Mellow, Peach (of Montreal), Gueule Noire, Cranberry, Alexander, St. Lawrence, Mountain Tulip, Mountain Beet, Reinette (of St. Hilaire), Golden Ball, Red Calville, White Calville (of St. Hilaire), Pound Sweeting, Late Strawberry, Wealthy, Fameuse, W. W. Calville (of Abbottsford),