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Codlin, Gravenstein, Wolf River, Wealthy and Ontario; the Primate especially for a fall eating apple, the Keswick Codlin for cooking, and the Ontario and Duchess for market. The Spy is small and inferior in quality all through the Province. At Yarmouth the apple tree is not vigorous; it is much subject to moss and fungus, and especially to the old English apple tree canker. Mr. Brown's gooseberry bushes do well; he has tried English varieties, *e. g.*, Yellow Amber, Industry, White smith, White Champagne, Red Warrington, and has never been troubled with mildew.

In the vicinity of Yarmouth neither plums nor grapes will ripen in the open, and no one attempts to grow them except under special conditions. The former Mr. C. E. Brown says he has ripened trained espalier style on the side of his house. We saw an espalier at the home of Mrs. P. D. Kinney, a Washington plum, well trained to nearly cover one end of her house, and which has yielded about one bushel in a single season.

Grapes may be ripened under glass without heat as in England, and there are about twenty of these cold graperies about Yarmouth, all well filled with such varieties as Black Hamburg, Red Chasselas, Tokay, etc.

During our tour in Nova Scotia we met some of the progressive apple growers of that province, from whom we gained much information. The Annapolis valley is justly famed as an apple growing country, and has already gained a good name for Nova Scotia apples in the great markets of the world. Owing to the moister climate of this province the fruit ripens later than in Ontario, so that the Ribston and the Wealthy are counted winter apples, and the Spy

and Baldwin keep longer than the same varieties grown in Ontario.

Red Astracan and Duchess are grown a little, and shipped to Newfoundland via steamer, but the commercial orchards are chiefly winter apples, such as we grow in Ontario. The one grand exception is the Gravenstein, which has been largely planted, and is freely exported to England. This apple is worthy of a larger place in Ontario orchards; the tree is one of the most thrifty growers, and quite productive of the very finest apples. The Blenheim closely competes with it in favor, and it is questionable which is the more to be commended.

Three well-known varieties have been condemned in Nova Scotia as well as in Ontario, *viz.*: the Fall Pippin for spotting, the Ribston and the Spitzenberg for want of vigor in tree. Another is on the black list for spotting, *viz.*: the McIntosh Red. Two most worthy varieties seem too little known, *viz.*: the Wealthy and the Ontario. Both these varieties have been tested by Mr. Chas. E. Brown, and have succeeded even at Yarmouth. For several years he has been reporting on them most favorably, as varieties of the highest excellence for all purposes, but as yet they have not been much planted.

The Baldwin is a great favorite among winter sorts, bearing great crops each alternate year, just as it once did in Ontario; but perhaps it would fail if they were to plant whole orchards of this one variety as we have done. The King, they tell us, bears very well and is counted a profitable variety, as are also the Spy, Ben Davis and Nonpareil. The latter closely resembles our Roxbury Russet, but is larger and darker colored.

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