

Among the leaders, I would submit Baldwin, Ben Davis, Blenheim, Canada Red, Colvert, R. I. Greening, Bottle Greening, King, Stark, Ribston Pippin, Golden Russett, Rox. Russet, Spy and Snow.

While the British market has generally shown a preference for red fruit, this year it has especially shown its appreciation of good Greenings; and it is often the case that when reds are plentiful, good Greenings in season command as good prices as most others.

We look upon the Baldwin as the King of Fruit, as an all-round apple from every standpoint, but the others in their season often sell higher, so it is well to have a proportion of them all.

Many apple growing sections of the U.S., especially Maine, are noted for shipments of straight varieties, and while it is not advisable to plant one sort only, it is well to limit the number of varieties.

Yours faithfully,

Toronto.

EBEN JAMES.

Origin of Scarlet Pippin.

SIR,—I saw in the report of meeting of Fruit Growers' Association, you said Mr. Jones was the originator of Scarlet Pippin apple. I wish to tell you he is not. The Scarlet Pippin apple originated over forty years ago at the back door of the residence now occupied by H. B. Heather, Florist, about one mile west of Brockville, and near the St. Lawrence river, where part of the old tree can still be seen. I have known it for over thirty years, and can say it is one of the best selling apples on the Ottawa market.

Brockville.

ALBERT ABBOTT.

Report on Plants and Trees Received.

SIR,—I will at this late date give you a report of the trees, plants, etc., received from annual distribution by the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association. I have not kept a list of dates when received. First on the list is Simon's plum, which, with me, is tender, and has died down to ground. The Russian apricot, of which I received two at different times, both died below where budded. The Pearl gooseberry has done fairly well, giving

small crops of fruit. Conrath raspberry is hardy, and bears a fair crop. The Sand cherry is very tender, and has died out. The Siberian pea tree is perfectly hardy, and has blossomed last two years. I also received two Oregon pines and two Douglas firs. The firs were small and neither grew. One pine is growing, and is perfectly hardy. Crimson Rambler rose is doing nicely; it has bloomed twice, but was badly used up last summer with thrip. The gladiolus bulb sent out was very fine. The wistaria did not grow, it was dead when received. In 1899 I received two Columbian raspberry bushes; they had started from the tops and dried up when received; neither of them grew. I also had two varieties of Russian apple trees, but accidents happened to both and cannot report on them. I have a scion from one, growing in another tree, and may report later. Two years ago last autumn I received three crowns of club-form mammoth rhubarb from our friend, the late Charles E. Brown, of Yarmouth, and last summer had a stalk weighing two pounds, and several others nearly as large. I have experimented with several varieties of grapes, but the Early Amber is the only one that ripens here. I have also tried peaches, but the blossom bud always winter-kills. I tried laying them down, and that fixed them outright. Nearly all varieties of apple do well here. For fall use the Gravenstein is by far the best; the Baldwin, Golden Russett and Greening are hardy. I had two Wealthy trees; one bore well for three years, and then the bark came off all around the tree, and it died; the other is growing. Ontario is hardy and a good bearer but the fruit is quite sour. The Old-n-burgh is all right but will not compare favorably with Gravenstein either in tree or fruit. Hubbardson's Non-such, I think we have two varieties of, one corresponding to plate in vol. xiii, Canadian Horticulturist, April number, the other came from Yarmouth, and was said to be true to name by the late C. E. Brown. The tree is tender and inclined to canker. The fruit is more conical and not as red, but fine grained and of beautiful flavor.

HENRY C. SAHEAN.

New Tusket, Dec. 28, 1900.

Our Affiliated Societies.

CAYUGA.—The County has granted us \$50.00 and the town, \$20.00. We hope to have a public garden or two; keep Arbor Day by planting out 500 trees; make the beginning of a hedge about Court House Grounds; while there will be a more or less enthusiastic rival among the individual members over their private gardens. At our High School we have one tulip bed of 1500 bulbs; it was magnificent last season.

With a considerable expenditure ahead of us for a new society will you kindly send us a list reliable houses to whom we may write for price lists and discounts.

Cayuga Society.

Yours truly,

A. K. GOODMAN.

COBourg.—The annual meeting of the Horticultural Society was held in the Council Chamber on Wednesday, Jan. 9th. The Treasurer's report shows that the total receipts were \$294.44, expenditure \$255.88, leaving a balance for 1901 of \$38.56.

For the year 1900 each member received "The Canadian Horticulturalist," and a premium from the same. In addition to this, our society distributed the following premiums: 6 gladiolus, 1 peony, 2 anemones, 8 hyacinths, 3 lilies, (candidum) all of 1st quality, which retails for not less than \$2.50. Such liberality on the part of the Directors should be an incentive in securing a