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Fruits.

THE YELLOW TRANSPARENT.

THE readers of the *Canadian Horticulturist* will be pleased to see a colored plate of an apple that has so much to commend it as the Yellow Transparent.

This is not a new and untried fruit, but is proved to be one of the few apples of real excellence which is adapted to the northerly portions of the apple region. It was imported from St. Petersburg, Russia, in the year 1870 and has since that become pretty widely distributed. The merits of this apple may be summed up under the following three heads:

(1) *Hardiness*—In this respect it is fully equal to the Duchess of Oldenburgh, and it is claimed that it will survive temperature of 45° below zero without freezing. It was on account of this quality that the Fruit Growers' Association of Ontario included it in

their premium list, and as it bears when quite young we hope soon to have the testimony of our readers in confirmation of its previous reputation.

(2) *Earliness*—Of all our early apples this promises to be the best shipper and the most remunerative. Previous to the ripening of the Red Astracan and the Duchess of Oldenburgh we have no apple of extraordinary beauty either for the table or market; but in the Yellow Transparent we hope to find the gap worthily filled. No other has such delicate waxen beauty, while in flavor it comes little behind the well-known Early Harvest. It may be gathered any time in August, or be left to hang into the month of September, all the time improving in beauty.

(3) *Freedom from Spot*—And herein lies of its great merits. The

PLAGUE OF THE APPLE SPOT
is spreading through our country. Scientists claim that it is a species of fungus.