

would be still more if they were more widely known. It is also an excellent shipper to long distance markets, which is a feature that should not be overlooked seeing that so much of our fruit business will have to be done with distant points.

Mr. Harold Jones, our experimenter at Maitland, says:

This plum is unknown by this name in our district. The so-called Blue Damson is hardy in wood and bud, but a shy bearer. Plum of poor quality.

Editorial Notes and Comments

MR. THOS. PEART, father of our experimenter, Mr. A. W. Peart, of Freeman, Ont., passed away on the 4th of September last.

THE BRITISH APPLE market seems to be rising instead of declining, as the season advances.

PLUMS were in great demand in England this season. Some cases of about twenty-two pounds' weight have sold as high as \$2 each, while peaches in cases of three dozen have brought as much as \$3 each.

THE APPLE MARKET is in an excited condition, owing to the unusual failure in England and on the continent. Growers in Ontario ought to get at least \$2 a barrel for the fruit in their orchards.

CHICAGO is an excellent market for Canadian Northern Spy. Immense quantities are stored annually in the cold storage houses there, and held until the following spring at a temperature of 33 degrees, or in some instances 31 degrees.

BARTLETT PEARS should be held at a temperature of 32 degrees F. Experiments on this point are in progress by Prof. Reynolds, of the O. A. C., Guelph, which we will publish as soon as completed.

A FORTY POUND BOX is a very suitable package for either pears or apples; that is, a box containing 40 lbs. of fruit. For pears

the box we are using for apples this season, 9 x 12 x 18 (inside), will do; but apples are lighter in weight, and the net weight of the same boxful of them is only 37 lbs.

FOR BARTLETT PEARS we have found a half box very suitable for export, measuring inside 5 x 12 x 18, and taking the fruit two deep. These cases have netted us from 75c. to \$1.

THE PRINCIPAL VARIETIES of French pears put upon the British market are Williams (Bartlett), Glout Morceau, Beurre Hardy and Duchess.

FOR EXPORT FROM ONTARIO we have found Howell, Duchess, Bosc, Triumph de Vienne and Anjou excellent. The Bartlett is risky, but all right if landed in good condition.

A LONDON FIRM (England) says of the Bartlett pear: We certainly think that, seven years out of ten, there will be an opening here for this variety, provided it arrives clean and in good condition.

AT WALKERTON the principal varieties of pears shown are Clairgeau, Duchess, Anjou, Winter Nelis, Sheldon, Kieffer, Boussock and Flemish Beauty.

POULTRY IN AN ORCHARD is a wise provision against codling moth. Mr. Sherrington, Walkerton, has about one acre fenced off for his chickens, and the apples in this