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THE ST. LAWRENCE APPLE

THE St. Lawrence apple is not planted in the commercial orchards of Ontario bordering on lakes Ontario, Erie or Huron, being inferior to other autumn varieties of its season, but it is valued in orchards along the St. Lawrence river, and in parts of the province between latitudes 45 and 46. In the Niagara district it is considerably affected by scab and by codling moth.

ORIGIN: United States.

TREE: Hardy, vigorous and productive.

FRUIT: Large, often $2\frac{3}{4}$ x $3\frac{3}{4}$; form, roundish oblate; color of skin, yellowish, with distinct stripes and splashes of carmine; dots, obscure; stem, $\frac{5}{8}$ of an inch long, inserted in a large deep regular cavity; calyx, closed in a small deep basin.

FLESH: Color, white, slightly stained; texture, crisp, tender, juicy; flavor, vinous, slightly acid.

SEASON: September and October.

QUALITY: Dessert, good; cooking, very good.

VALUE: Home market, very good; foreign market, good.

ADAPTATION: Double starred at our Georgian Bay station; single starred at Burlington and Lake Huron stations.

Ottawa District: Mr. R. B. Whyte writes: I have not had much personal experience with the St. Lawrence apple. I

long ago cut out my only tree as unprofitable, and that has been the general experience in this district. It is fairly hardy, and when we do get them they are very fine specimens, but unfortunately it is a very shy bearer.

The Lake Huron District: Mr. A. E. Sherrington writes: The St. Lawrence tree is vigorous and hardy here. The fruit is large, and fine for dessert, but too soft for shipping and subject to scab; therefore I cannot recommend it as a market apple.

East Central District: Mr. Elmer Lick, Oshawa, writes: The St. Lawrence is a fine dessert apple when free from scab. It is not suited for shipment to distant markets, but is fine for home use. To secure clean fruit requires thorough spraying. It will never be a commercial apple in this section, because we have other varieties superior in many ways, which will succeed as well.

The St. Lawrence District: Mr. Harold Jones, of Maitland, writes: The St. Lawrence apple reaches its highest perfection in the St. Lawrence valley. The tree is hardy and vigorous, and early and abundant bearer, and the fruit is in season the first three weeks of September. This apple finds ready sale as a table apple and as a show apple for fruit stands, but it is not tart enough to be in demand as a cooking apple.