

as the Burbank of South Queensland, has developed some promising new early peaches and apples.

Further north, in tropical Bundaberg, I visited the Langbecker Nurseries and saw the original Tropical Beauty apple, which was developed for areas with insufficient chilling for our regular varieties. Trees of this variety were doing well in test plantings and in the nursery. Several thousand have been propagated and were selling like hot cakes in New Guinea and North Queensland at \$7.11 per tree.

The state of South Australia has quite an acreage of apples and sweet cherries in its southeast corner, in the hills west of Adelaide. Ken Caldicott, of Lenswood has a new red sport of the apple variety Statesman, which carries good size, color and quality, and ripens with Rome Beauty. It looks like the best late apple I've yet seen, and we are importing scions of it for testing.

I spent Christmas in Hobart, Tasmania, Australia's Apple Isle, and found the Tasmanian climate about as perfect as one can find anywhere. The famous Huon Valley of Tasmania is heavily planted to apples, mostly on seedling rootstocks (Sturmer, Fameuse, etc.), and held to the size of Malling VII by heavy pruning. The leading varieties are Sturmer Pippin, Jonathan, Red John, Democrat, Cleopatra, Granny Smith and Delicious. I saw a beautiful block of Golden Delicious owned by a Mr. T. A. Francomb.

Tasmania grows raspberries to perfection in the uplands where no irrigation is necessary. No support is used. Instead, the canes are braided into four braids per hill, and the crop weighs them down carrying them in

an outward direction, allowing the new replacement canes to come up in the middle of the row to carry next season's crop.

The New Zealand Federation, the Apple and Pear Boards, and the government fruit officers in both New Zealand and Australia were most cooperative and helpful during my trip. I thoroughly enjoyed visiting with the fine folks who grow fruit in this part of the Southern Hemisphere. I hope the exchange of information was mutually valuable. Everyone I visited was most generous with their time and hospitality. My only regret was the rather hurried itinerary.



Tydeman's Red Apple

Tydeman's Red, the new English apple (Tydeman's Early Worcester), is due for large scale testing in the Northwest this year. Apparently the only thing that will hold back more planting is the lack of scion wood.

The few apples of this variety that have been produced in Washington State have given fruit growers a very favorable impression. Charles Worthen of Naches Heights has produced fruit for two years and is convinced it will do well as a late summer variety. The writer has also been impressed with the quality and color of the Tydeman's Red. It seems to produce good color even with high vigor. Size has been satisfactory.

Ray Redman of Parker is budding and grafting five acres of Malling VII's to Tydeman's Red. Ray, who is the Yakima Valley's largest Red Haven Peach grower, sees a bright future for this late summer apple.—*W. A. Luce, Yakima, Wash.*