

will be provided by John Bregger, of Clemson, South Carolina.

The History of North American Pomology project was described by D. V. Fisher, chairman of the project, and various problems connected with it were discussed. [Since the meeting, we have been informed that E. J. Newcomer, of Wenatchee, a retired entomologist has agreed to edit the Pomological History; and Edwin Smith, of Wenatchee, retired pomologist, will handle that section of the History dealing with the U. S. D. A. stations.]

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Ottawa 292 Apple

Ottawa 292 apple was introduced a number of years ago by the former Division of Horticulture, Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa. The variety is a cross between Crimson Beauty and Red Astrachan. Although never given a name at Ottawa it is rated highly by the New York Fruit Testing Co-operative Association and is considered one of the best early apples that they propagate. Trees of this variety were planted at the Summerland Station in 1951 and have been fruiting since 1956. The tree is of moderate size, compact and inclined to biennial bearing. Artificial freezing tests have shown it to be extremely hardy. It is rated highly as a hardy stembuilder, and in fact is being propagated in the State of Washington for this purpose. It has recently been added to the list

of recommended framework varieties for the B. C. Interior.

The fruit is medium to large, with a bright red blush extending over the greater part of the fruit when ready to pick, but is considered a bit too acid as a dessert apple for the taste of many people. Ottawa 292 is an excellent cooker. It ripens about 4 days after Transparent, about the same season as Lodi. The variety has good firmness and handling qualities for an early apple and develops extensive red skin color after picking, at room temperatures, even when held in the dark. Commercially it has the disadvantage of very uneven ripening, requiring as many as 5 pickings. In fact, the picking period may extend over a full month in some seasons.

This lengthy harvest period which may be a disadvantage from the standpoint of large-scale, commercial orchard management, may be a distinct advantage for a home owner or the operator of a fruit stand who needs a continuing supply of a good summer apple. Thus one tree of 0-292, with pollinizer, would supply a family with apples for the whole summer prior to harvest of fall apples such as McIntosh. A small planting by a fruit stand operator would supply his roadside customers for a full month. One roadside operator reports that this is an excellent apple which sells well on his stand.—D. V. Fisher, Summerland, B.C.

Should any of our readers have any information on the "Yellow Kroosen" or "Yellow Kroosje" as a dwarfing rootstock for peach or plum, please notify the editor. A reader is very much interested.