

Walking through the vineyard between the rows of vines, which are trained so as not to obstruct the view, we presently arrive at the

#### NURSERY,

which extends along the beach, where two neat whitewashed bathing-houses are shaded by a grove of noble trees. The nursery presents an interesting and novel sight. Stretched in lines, about three feet apart, are about 85,000 young vines, planted at intervals of six inches one from the other. These are all native plants, propagated on the establishment, and their vigorous and flourishing appearance is very remarkable. On the opposite side of the main road is seen a row of six handsome villa cottages, occupied by Montreal families who retreat here during the summer. In two of them are reserved certain apartments for the accommodation of visitors to the vineyard. The proprietors are always glad to receive visitors, and to extend to them the hospitalities of the place. In the rear of these cottages is a small church, formerly used for the Protestant services at the new Inland Cut works, Lower Lachine, and afterwards presented to the Protestant community of Pointe Claire by the contractor, our esteemed fellow-citizen, Mr. F. B. McNamee. Extending from this point for a mile and a half due north, is what is destined to be the principal seat of the great industry of vine-culture. About twenty acres of vines are seen growing luxuriantly in fields on either hand, separated by a broad avenue, which will be continued throughout the length of the property, and bordered by a line of handsome shade-trees. In this vineyard are about 15,000 vines, which will nearly all bear fruit next year. They are planted five feet apart, in rows which are ten feet apart, and it is a beautiful sight to trace the straight lines of vines drawn out and almost geometrically correct.

Proceeding along the avenue to the railway track, which crosses the property, we observe a short distance to the left the

#### BEACONSFIELD RAILWAY STATION,

taking its name from the vineyard, and affording accommodation to the residents at Beaconsfield, as well as the quaint and beautifully-situated village of St. Genevieve, some three miles distant, and the surrounding country. Much praise is due the authorities of the Grand Trunk Railway for the ready accommodation they always afford, and their liberal encouragement of local traffic in this, as in many other instances. The proprietors of this vineyard are doing a good work, and we are glad to think that their reward will be great. Employing a large staff of men, they have given constant and much-needed employment to the inhabitants of the village, and they are, moreover, training a large number of French Canadians in the art of planting and cultivating the grape vine. Their experience in this is most gratifying, for it would be impossible to find more teachable or better skilled workmen than the French Canadians when they have been properly taught.

As our readers are aware, this is the first experiment in open air vine-culture in Lower Canada, and its success being now fully assured, a reflecting mind must see in it possibilities in connection with the future-