

As regards R. L.'s question, my opinion is that the *Horticulturist* was never better, in fact it is improving all the time. I think your answer to George Sutherland, of Meaford, on the cultivation of the grape, is one of the best and simplest articles I ever read.

I found that the whey of milk, as recommended by Mr. McIntyre about two years since, a good remedy for the codlin moth, as I caught thousands, and hundreds of the small click beetles, besides a number of large moths. I found the first Tent caterpillars on the 22nd April; they are not very numerous this season.

WALTER HICK.

Goderich, Ont., 22nd May, 1886.

NOTE BY THE EDITOR.—Will Mr. Hick have the kindness to send to the office of the *Canadian Horticulturist* a few of the leaves of this Silver Maple that throws up suckers. He can place four or five between the folds of some soft paper and send them by mail at one cent for four ounces. We are very curious to see what kind of Silver Maple he has. We have been familiar with the Silver Maple for some half century, and do not remember to have seen any suckers thrown up by that tree.

#### PROSPECTS OF FRUIT AROUND BERLIN.

The coming season promises to be a fairly abundant one. Fruit trees, such as pears and apples, show well developed fruit buds. Biennial bearers, which carried little or no fruit, such as Golden Russet, Alexander, Duchess, and Red Astrachan, having had a year's rest. The same remarks may be applied to currants.

Now, if the season turns out as I

anticipate, having had a steady, cold winter, I expect that the early summer frosts will be light, and not do serious damage.

I have understood from some of my neighbours who are in the strawberry line, that the plants wintered well, and with but few upheavals. SIMON ROY.

Berlin, April, 1886.

#### SOME HARDY PLUMS, AND OTHER FRUITS.

Having purchased a home of my own in that part of the City of Ottawa known as "Sandy Hill," I at once, in opposition to existing theories as to soil, climate, &c., planted in my garden several varieties of that best of fruits—the plum. I was partly induced to follow this course, from the fact that the former owner, some eight years before, had planted one tree—Pond's Seedling—which appeared to be healthy, and which I was informed had in former years borne some fine fruit. I have since added to my collection, and now have twelve varieties, some of which have fruited, and ten of which are now white with blossom, viz.: Huling's Superb, Pond's Seedling, Imperial Gage, Yellow Gage, Smith's Orleans, Coe's Golden Drop, Purple Gage, Weaver, a seedling Blue, and our common wild variety. All of these appear to be hardy, except the Golden Drop. One thrifty tree of this variety succumbed to the cold of '83-'84, and another, which last autumn gave great promise, has but a few blossoms. I would not advise anyone to plant it so far north. The Pond's Seedling is a good plum for this section of country. While not ranking with the best in quality, it is so large, and the tree so hardy, that it must ever prove attractive. With me it has proved to be a free bearer, having had three full crops in four years, and for two of which I had to prop up the limbs to prevent