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DISCUSSIONS ON FRUIT GROWING.

Western New York is, in soil and climate, similar to Western Canada. Most fruits that ripen there, may be grown to advantage in Canada. The Fruit-Growers' Association of Western New York, — why have we not such an association in Canada? — holds frequent meetings for discussing matters pertaining to their business. Much useful information as to best varieties of fruit trees; mode of culture; profits, &c., result from these discussions; and the unprofessional, or amateur fruit-grower, may thereby learn what to choose, what to avoid, and what to *do* after he has made his selections at the nursery. As an example worthy of imitation here, as well as on account of the information it communicates, we give a brief report of the remarks made at the last meeting of the Fruit Growers' Association of Western New York, held at Rochester on the 7th January. We are indebted to the Rochester *New Yorker*, for this report.

"A committee having been appointed to propose subjects for discussion, made a report of the following questions, which were discussed in the order reported, except No. 5, which was passed by for want of time.

1. Small Fruits.—Can any of them be grown on an extensive scale, profitably?
2. Shelter for Orchards and Fruit Gardens.—Is it important, and if so, what trees or shrubs are most suitable; and what the best method of planting to accomplish the object?
3. Hardy Grapes.—Can their culture in the open air be made profitable?
4. Is it better to Top Graft old apple trees than to plant new ones?
5. Is it a good practice to renew Peach Trees by heading them down.
6. Can Winter Pears be grown profitably?

1. Small Fruits.—Several members of the Convention thought the Currant might be grown extensively, both for sale, and for making wine.

Mr. Barry being called upon to state some of the best varieties, recommended the *Cherry Currant*, the *White Grape* and the *Victoria*, the two latter excellent bearers, the *Cherry Currant*, not quite so good, though very fair, and the *Victoria* valuable on account of its lateness.

Mr. Warren, of Genesee Co., found the *Cherry Currant* very productive, more so than any other variety.

At this stage of the discussion, Mr. Ellwanger presented to the Convention several bottles of *White Currant Wine*, made from the *White Grape Currant*. It was tasted by the members, and pronounced excellent. The flavor was fine, but as this wine was made the last summer, it of course needed age to be fairly tested.

Dr. Moses Long found the *Black Currant* to make the best wine, as good as *Port wine*,