

is short in its season, though nothing like as short as a Peach apple; but, in a general way, it is like the Peach and Astrachan apples—early and perishable, yet profitable. The moneyed aspect of this Champion grape the proprietors of the vineyard at Beaconsfield must surely have carefully weighed, and their firm belief in it they have proved by the fact that they have planted out seventeen acres or 12,100 vines.

CONCORD produced at Abbotsford the heaviest crop and the heaviest bunches. It withstood the late spring frost well. It and Delaware suffered the least in this respect. It was the greatest success, except in point of ripeness. It is a little late. In some cases the berry contained a nice sweet juice between the skin and pulp, in other cases even this juice did not sweeten. In a season of average heat we should expect it to ripen better. At any rate it made good grape jelly.

DELAWARE, too, as we said, withstood the late spring frost well, and set a full crop of nice little bunches, which ripened, we may say, well.

CREVELLING also stood the late frost pretty well, and set a pretty good crop. The bunch is very straggling, but the flavor of the berry makes full amends for this. It is pretty early in ripening, and both here and in Montreal has proved a success.

HARTFORD PROLIFIC.—That which we received from Ontario has proved not true to name. Strange enough, too, Mr. Robert Jack, of Chateauguay Basin, recognized it as that which he had received from another part of Ontario for Hartford. The berry is medium, the bunch small, the season medium, and the grape below medium in general merit. The true Hartford Prolific was exhibited from Plattsburg. It is largish, both in bunch and berry, and, on account of its earliness and yield, is worthy of culture.

The past season, with its late spring frosts and cold September, was by no means favorable to out-door grape culture; still our success was such as was worthy of wide imitation.