

reports received will serve the purpose of a guide to others who may reside in that section or in similar conditions of climate, soil, etc. Messrs Barry and Thomas do not tell us whether the Early Victor Grape, for instance, will succeed at Maitland, or if it succeeds in growing, whether it is a desirable variety to grow there as compared with other varieties. They do not tell us whether the Yellow Transparent Apple will be valuable in the county of Stormont or endure without injury the winters in Renfrew. As yet there has not been any plethora of these reports; in truth members have not been careful to comply with the conditions upon which these plants have been distributed. When they become too numerous for publication in the *Canadian Horticulturist* they will find an appropriate place in the Annual Report, so that no one need be offended. If experimental stations scattered here and there through a country are beneficial, why not increase their number in the manner attempted by the Fruit Growers' Association?

#### TREES FOR FENCE POSTS.

DEAR SIR,—I should be much obliged if you would recommend a fast growing tree suitable for planting along a wire fence, so as they could be used as posts when grown.

Yours truly,  
S. G. RUSSELL.

Thornbury, Feb., 1886.

REPLY.—There is nothing better than one of the maples. There are two that will answer well for this purpose, the Silver Maple and the Ash-leaved Maple.

Both of these are rapid growing trees, and if the shade from the tops is not wanted the branches can be cut back and the tops kept within any desired limits. The poplars are fast growing trees, but they are objectionable on account of their propensity to throw up suckers from the root. Neither of the above mentioned maples throw up suckers. The Silver Maple must not be confounded with the Silver Poplar. They are very different trees.

#### JAPAN QUINCE.

Mr. Editor,—Will you please answer through the *Horticulturist* whether the Japan Quince is sufficiently hardy to give good satisfaction for hedges as far north as Walkerton and oblige

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[Will some of our readers residing at or near Walkerton please to tell "a subscriber" through the medium of this magazine whether the Japan Quince, an ornamental shrub yielding bright crimson flowers very early in the spring, is perfectly hardy in that section.—ED. CAN. HORT.]

#### GRAPES FOR GEORGIAN BAY.

Would you kindly name some of the best varieties of Grapes which you think would be adapted to this section of country. Within half a mile of the Georgian Bay, opposite Collingwood.

H. C.

REPLY.—Early Victor, Jessica, Lady, Brighton, Massasoit, Moore's Early.

#### PLUM TREES.

DEAR SIR,—I have a small piece of land adjoining my barnyard where the fowls will allow nothing to grow. It is