



In the Vineyard of the Oka Agricultural School, La Trappe, Que.

A school which has turned out many well trained horticultural graduates is that known as the Oka Agricultural School, at La Trappe, Que. Last year about 75 pupils followed the different courses. This year the number of students was still larger. The complete course occupies two years. The vineyard is about 10 acres. The chief varieties grown are Riesentraub, Concord, Moore's Early, Bacchus, Delaware, Roger's No. 9, Vergennes, Duchesse and White Virginia. The vineyard comprises also wild and half wild vines, Rouenont, etc. These native vines, on account of their hardness, are very easily cultivated. They are used especially to give wine a better color. The orchard covers an area of 30 acres and contains 500 fruit trees, including 15 varieties of apple and elder apples. There is a regular experiment station for the Province of Quebec, as the principal varieties of fruit are tested there. Plum and pear trees are also cultivated on a large scale. Among the plums held in high esteem at La Trappe is the "Fenbridge." The Flemish beauty pear is quite successful. Years ago cherries and plums were sent to Japan exhibition, where they won high prizes.