

fruit well in a large part of Ontario, coming to maturity earlier than the Concord. The size both of bunch and berry should satisfy those who value grapes in proportion to their size, which is the case with many purchasers of fruit.

The colored illustration in this number, for which we are indebted to the Niagara Grape Company, will give our readers a much better idea of the handsome, showy appearance of a well-grown bunch than any description. As to flavor and quality it will exactly suit those who relish considerable muskiness or native aroma. It is sweet and rich. Like most of our native grapes of the *labrusca* family, it is at its best when it is first ripe; keeping does not improve the flavor, but on the contrary injures its sprightliness.

It seems also that it is very productive. We have seen it stated that 580 vines of the Niagara grape planted in the spring of 1879 yielded in 1882, by actual weight, 7,692 pounds of grapes. Thirteen pounds of grapes to the vine on an average is a very satisfactory crop.

We believe that this grape is well worthy of trial, and that it will give very general satisfaction. We shall plant a few vines of it, and, if spared to see its performances, shall inform the readers of the *Canadian Horticulturist* of its adaptation to this locality. Meanwhile it is to be hoped very many will test it for themselves and give our readers their experience, so that the question of its suitability for general cultivation in Ontario may be fully settled.

THE END OF THE YEAR.

How fast the months go by! It seems but yesterday that we tendered to the readers of the *Canadian Horticulturist* our New Year greetings. To-day we hand you the last number for the year. Our endeavor to give you from month to month the latest tidings of the horticultural world, coupled with such suggestions as the experience of cultivators could furnish, is before you. The kind expressions of satisfaction received from many, tell us that our endeavor has not been wholly in vain. We wish that these monthly issues had been more full of useful matter, and feel almost constrained to promise that they shall be in the future. But it is not the privilege of any one man to possess all the knowledge there is even on horticultural matters. If our readers would only write more fully of their experience for publication in their journal, then we could promise, most certainly, that your monthly shall be much more interesting during the year to come than it ever has been. Will you not have the kindness to give to others the benefit of your experience? It may not seem to you to be worth much, but it may be just what will help some one who is growing discouraged in his work. To you these experiences may seem as footprints in the sand, and yet shall be

"Footprints, that perhaps another,
Sailing o'er life's solemn main,
A forlorn and shipwrecked brother,
Seeing, shall take heart again."

One new feature for the coming year has been very kindly promised by Mr.