

All who listened seemed pleased, and a crowded hall is sure to greet Mr. Race should he ever speak again in Kincardine.

WM. WELSH,
President K. H. S.

Kincardine, March 24, 1903.

FRUIT PROSPECTS AT WHITBY.

Sir: As we have nearly finished pruning our orchard, we have a good opportunity of examining the buds, wood growth, etc., of the different varieties we are experimenting with. We find no frozen or injured buds on any of our apple trees; but some of the pears that were very heavily laden last year are not as perfect as usual, notably Dr. Reeder, Fred. Baudry, President Drouard, Doyenne d'Ete, and some others, while Clapp's Favorite, Bartlett, Dempsey, Lawrence and W. Nelis are pretty well filled with perfect buds. Kieffer Angouleme, Louise Bonne, Ester Buerre, Clairgeau, Tyson, Jules Guyott, Lucrative, and some of the newer sorts, as Rutter, Koonce, Wilder, Lawson, etc., were never in better showing at this season. Should the spring be favorable I have hopes of a heavy crop of pears. The month of March, so far, has been so fine and springlike, that the buds are swelling already, which is at least two weeks earlier than last year. Although the frost is all out of the ground, the land is too soft to drive over. We have two sprayers all ready to operate as soon as the land is solid enough. Owing to so much rain at spraying time last year, our spraying was not done in time, and we suffered the consequence in having too many scabby apples. The prices of apples has ruled very low from the start last fall, and is still low for anything but No. 1 stock, and this is only about half the price they were at this date last year. I hope the committee appointed at our last annual meeting on transportation will accomplish some good work before we have another fruit crop to handle, as the present and past rates charged are simply prohibitive between here and the eastern markets. It is absurd that the railway companies should charge more for 100 lbs. of pears than for the same weight of apples. When the freight and commission is taken from the selling price there is often a loss, when the packages are counted in, and I hope that the carrying rates will be so adjusted that we will not be asked to pay more from here to Montreal than the fruit men of California do for the same kind of goods and packages and fruit. There is another grievance that ought to be remedied, that is the supplying of cars on the G. T. R., which was very badly done last year: several car loads of apples, which were packed and delivered on their platform, lay there for weeks and were frozen, so that they were simply dumped on the commons and left to rot, although the railway company were requested for cars weeks ahead. These losses should be remedied, and the railway company should be made to feel that others have rights as well as themselves.

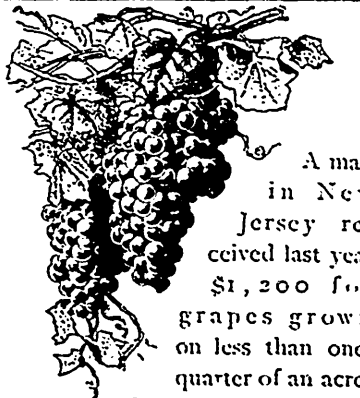
Subscribers here speak appreciatingly of the improvement of the Horticulturist, and hope its success will continue. Yours respectfully,

Whitby.

R. L. HUGGARD.

CLEMATIS FAILING.

SIR,—I have planted Jackmanii, Henryii, and other varieties of Clematis for three years in succession to shade a verandah having an easterly frontage, close to Lake Ontario. They are carefully planted, and do well until they commence to bloom, then something happens to them, the blooms droop; and the plant gradually dies. Out of the five Clematis planted last spring, only one survived the summer. I have found "cut worms" about the roots of some that have been destroyed, but could find none in this instance. Clematis on verandahs having a north and southerly exposure have always done well.



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