

been a success at Abbotsford, though during the last two years the thrip has been very troublesome, and, in some cases, has caused this variety to be a total failure. Several different varieties, however, have appeared under this name. From Montreal comes a variety larger in berry, and, perhaps, a little larger in bunch. It is but very little later in ripening, and has a slight Muscat flavor. It is of Chasselas type, and far finer flavored than the ordinary Sweetwater.

CHAMPION.—This variety was also upon the tables at Abbotsford, and, on account of its special earliness, attracted special attention. It was also exhibited in 1877 by Mr. L. W. Decker, of Montreal, who had bought it in 1871 from Messrs, Shanly & Gallagher. Since then it has been largely imported by them and by Messrs. Menzies and Gallagher as the Champion, and sold as such, and more recently imported as Champion and sold as the Beaconsfield. It combines the main characteristics of a market fruit. It is essentially a pioneer grape. It was in flavor the poorest, with one exception, of the thirty-three varieties exhibited. It is, however, quite good enough to sell. The market does not demand quality in a grape any more than it does in a pear or an apple. The Bell pear, the poorest ever brought to this market, is one of the most profitable, and is, no doubt, often mistaken for the Bartlett. The Alexander and the Duchess, on account of their fine size and appearance, are assumed by the masses to be first-rate apples. The Champion has the earliness, size and color necessary for a commercial grape, and as such, and as a forerunner of finer fruits, it must prove of great service to our northern country. As a commercial grape, however, it has a weak point in its shortness of season. Grapes vary much in their keeping qualities. The Adirondac we have known to be kept till March; but this is as exceptional as to have Fameuse in June: but, if the plan adopted in Paris of hanging each bunch in a separate paper bag were adopted here, we might have grapes till mid-winter. The Champion drops from the bunch somewhat; less so, we think, than the Hartford, but our knowledge on this point is limited. It