

HARDY CLIMBING ROSES FOR CANADA.

not less than 150,000 peach trees annually, or an aggregate of about 2,400,000 trees, we have Crawfords selling in the self-same market at 80 cents per basket in the year of extreme plenty of all kinds of fruit, with a most prodigious crop of peaches, in the famous peach country of Essex. It looks very much as though had every peach tree in Canada been loaded as Essex was, and in spite of everything imaginable working against good prices, still we would have realized much better prices than 16 years ago. True, the area of profitable peach growing, owing to the introduction of hardy varieties, has greatly widened since 1880, but for all that it must not be forgotten that peaches as well as grapes can only be grown in a limited section of the whole Dominion and the consuming population is the population that is increasing. The peach growers of Michigan got prices last year about like ours

in 1880, and yet they are not discouraged, they say it pays infinitely better to grow peaches, when they succeed well, at 10 cents per basket, than grain at present prices.

As for plums which have here especially come to be a most prominent fruit crop, there is this to be said, the crop of 1896 was as heavy in all the western counties as it could possibly be; and from Stony Creek east to Niagara river, no more could stick on the trees, and yet they were all marketed at remunerative rates. I know of a crop of plums which must have brought \$500 per acre the past season, and any full-grown plum orchard at Winona must have returned the owner from \$200 to \$500 per acre net over baskets.

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WHERE is the devotee of Flora who does not long for an arbor, porch or trellis, on their own grounds adorned the summer long with clusters of handsome roses? There seems to be a desire in the heart of every rose-grower for varieties of this description. Thousands of Canadians every year buy everblooming, climbing roses from southern florists; and thousands are yearly disappointed because they do not survive the chilly Canadian winters. The florists are generally much abused in consequence, but it should be remembered that each firm covers a wide range of territory with its catalogues, and it is more than likely that the varieties described in those catalogues as hardy, are quite so with a

vast majority of those who buy from them.

Hardy climbing roses of fine quality and color are certainly one of the additions to the "Queen of Flowers" which the future holds in store. It appears to be but the matter of a little time till such varieties shall be obtained, for never before have the efforts of professional hybridists, in this line, been so fruitful; and never has there been so many promising new varieties upon the market. Excepting some recent introductions of which we cannot yet speak with certainty, we think the following review includes all the best known hardy climbing varieties:—

Baltimore Belle, Prairie Queen and Gem of the Prairie head the list for hardiness. They are old it is true,