

Mr. Geo. Leslie, of Toronto, thought a fine sandy loam was the most desirable.

Mr. Arnold endorsed Mr. Beadle's sentiments. He was certain that lime in the soil was a necessity, and, if it was not there naturally, it must be put there.

Mr. Woodward preferred clay and sand mixed.

#### GRAPES.

6.—What desirable varieties of grapes do well in Ontario?

The attention of the Secretary had been called to the Janesville variety. He thought its great point was that it ripened very early. The Hartford Prolific had many faults. It dropped soon, but sold because it was an early grape. The Champion was also very early, and he thought it had but one fault—it was good for nothing when it was ripened. He would eat it if he could get no better. Moore's Early grape ripened as early. It was as good as the Concord. The Massasoit ripened early and was a nice red grape, the clusters not very large, and the berries of fair size. It is best when just ripe. The Iona was *the* grape, in his opinion, for flavor and every good quality. He considered it the *ne plus ultra*, but it was late, and would not ripen in all parts of the country.

The President had never in his experience grown a good bunch of Concords at his home, in Prince Edward County.

Mr. Bucke said that the Burnet was one of the strongest growing grapes in the country, and was a great acquisition. He claimed that it ripened as early as the Concord, and was far ahead of it in flavor. Care should be taken that too many bunches were not allowed upon it.

The President thought very highly of the Brighton. Thought it lacked sprightliness, still it was a very nice fruit. The Burnet was the best grape he had ever grown on his place; it had beaten everything.

#### HOW TO KEEP GRAPES.

Mrs. J. C. H., of Yarmouth Centre, Elgin Co., writes to the *Fruit Recorder*:—

"There is a lady in this vicinity who is very successful in keeping grapes fresh for a long time. As I have not noticed any thing like it in the *Recorder* I thought I would tell you. It is the same as spoken of in the *Recorder*, only substituting white, dry, granulated sugar for sawdust. If a little sugar should stick to the grapes it will not spoil the taste of them, besides the sugar is not injured."