

to bear three years ago; last year (spring of 1877) the trees were moved. The trees are healthy and thrifty, and, if multiplied, would be a great acquisition to the "iron clad" list. You will please make such report on them as you deem most fitting.

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Director F. G. Ass.,  
Ottawa.

Mr. Greenfield's seedling plum was submitted to the seedling Committee, who find it of medium size, scarcely as large as the Lombard; colour deep, bright-red, characteristic of the wild plum of the country; form resembling the Lombard; quality, unable to judge of it as it came to hand in bad order.

(Signed) WM. SAUNDERS,  
ROBT. BURNETT,

London, 24th August, 1878.

#### ARNOLD'S "BRANT" GRAPE.

At a fruit growers' meeting in Michigan, some time ago, Mr. L. C. Whiting, a very successful grape grower of East Saginaw made the following remarks, which are somewhat flattering to our townsman, Mr. Charles Arnold, as the *Brant* Grape so highly spoken of, is one of Mr. Arnold's Hybrids, and named by him after this County:—"The grape is one of the earliest, and subject to the fewest insect enemies of any of our fruits. It is one of the most healthy, and with little trouble can be kept as well as apples or pears, and should be on our tables at least six months of the year. In the remarks I purpose to make, I shall confine myself to a few points. First, what to plant. For those who do not make grapes a speciality, only the most hardy vines should be attempted in this climate. For this purpose the following kind in the order of their ripening may be named:—The Brant, Worden, Delaware, Eumelan, and Concord. For those who are willing to take more care, add the Wilder, Salem, and Agawam. For safety the last three should be covered during the winter. For marketing I will reduce the list to the Brant, Worden, Concord, and Agawam.

"There are many new kinds of much promise, and the above list may in a few years be profitably changed. You can lose but little by allowing others to experiment for you.

"The soil best suited to the grape is decomposed shale, but any good clay soil thoroughly drained will do.

"The ground should be carefully prepared and only well rotted manure used.

"Decomposing turf is one of the best fertilizers, where it can be obtained, no other will be required.

"Grapes for fall and winter use should be picked as soon as ripe, and when perfectly dry, packed in fine dry sawdust. Select your box or jar, cover the bottom with sawdust, then layers of grapes and sawdust alternately until full. Keep them in the coolest place you can find free from frost, until wanted for use.

"The grapes best for winter keeping in the above list are the Brant, Eumelan, Salem, and Agawam.

"Some of you may ask why the Delaware Grape is left out of the market list. There are several reasons and among them I will name the following:—

"The *Brant* is a better grape. It is two weeks earlier, less subject to rot and will keep well three to four months, it has more healthy foliage, stronger roots, and will succeed with half the care of the Delaware."

#### IMPOSITIONS OF CERTAIN TREE BROKERS.

(From the Huron Signal.)

"BEWARE."—A local tree agent takes offence at our remarks last week under this heading. For his information we may state that our remarks were made from a complaint lodged with us by a farmer who has been very badly sold by that terrible personage, the tree agent,

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