

what they have already. Among these fruits are some of the seedling grapes of Wm. H. Mills and Wm. Haskins, Hamilton, the strawberries of Chas. Arnold, Paris, the strawberries and grapes of Chas. Biggar, Drummondville, and the grapes, currants, gooseberries, &c., of P. C. Dempsey, Albury, and Wm. Saunders, London.

Last summer I had the pleasure of visiting the grounds of Mr. Saunders while his currants and gooseberries were ripe, and comparing them with some of the leading popular varieties, and I am sure if they do as well in other places as they do there some of them if they become known will take the place of varieties now in cultivation. He had two varieties of black currants growing by the side of Black Naples and Lee's Prolific, which as I saw them I should prefer to those varieties. One was a larger berry and fully as productive, the other equal in size and productiveness and much sweeter and better flavored. I also saw several seedling gooseberries, crosses between the Houghton and English varieties—some of which have been brought to the notice of the Association before—growing and ripening along side of Houghton's Seedling, Downing and others, which in size and productiveness would excel any of the old varieties, and they were apparently as free from mildew; also a very fine red seedling currant.

Now what I want to suggest, is that some means be devised to test the qualities of these fruits and bring them before the public, particularly those whose originators are too much occupied with other things, or are too modest to push them into notice. Could not the Fruit Growers' Association, now that it has experimental grounds at its command, take hold of these and test their merits, and if worthy to be sent out propagate them and allow the originators a royalty on all that were disseminated? It has been said that any man who makes two blades of grass to grow where but one grew before is a public benefactor, and why should not a man who makes two grapes or strawberries or any other kind of fruit grow where only one did before be considered as such and rewarded accordingly? The Association has in years gone by offered money prizes for new fruits which were equal or superior to standard varieties, but I would suggest that in addition to this an honorary medal or testimonial of some kind should be given by the Association to any one who originates a new fruit of superior quality. I throw out these suggestions, hoping the Association or its Directors will take some action on them at their next meeting.