

and that Downing Gooseberry turns off good crops of the Houghton seedling species of no great merit.

The grape commenced to leaf in June, and grew with vigour till October, when it was checked by an early frost. I covered it up and over with straw to protect it from the chilly blasts of winter; next spring all the top was dead, which I cut off, and during the summer of 1875 two shoots started, but did not grow ten inches in length. I cut them back, and in 1876 two shoots grew three and four feet respectively; cut them back, and 1877 have grown about ten feet long. I have cut them back and covered them over with straw as usual, and expect to get some fruit this season, 1878. The soil is clay loam and perfectly drained. Other grapes grow luxuriously without even the protection of the straw in winter. On that account I think the Salem too tender for our section, but I shall still persevere in the hopes that I can send in a good report of its merits.

The Swayzie Pomme Grise Apple, received 1875, was all but dead on receipt, any vitality that was in it vamoused perceptibly every day till it was as dead as a door-nail.

The Flemish Beauty Pear took rather poorly in its new quarters in 1875 and 1876, but in 1877 its vitality was renewed, and now it grows vigorously.

The Glass Seedling Plum of 1876 reached in good order, and settled down to business at once, and promises to be a fine tree.

The Hybrid Raspberry of 1877 grows rather slender, but in another season will be able to better judge of its merits.

*Report from A. Bridge, Esq., P.M., West Brook, County Frontenac, near Kingston.*

I received the Grape Vine in the spring in good order; it has made a good growth this year; grew about 8 or 9 feet; I cut it back to three buds this fall, and covered it up for winter. I killed the Glass Seedling Plum tree last winter by covering it with a barrel; it never leafed out in the spring; it sprouted again a few inches from the ground. I am living in hopes of getting a tree from it yet. The two pear trees, Clapp's Favourite, and Flemish Beauty are growing fine.

The two apple trees, Grime's Golden Pippin and Swayzie Pomme Grise are also doing well. Only one of the strawberries received last year grew. I put out a bed of seventy plants from that one, the 1st of September this year; the fall here has been very wet and warm, and the plants have made a remarkable growth. I expect they will all bear fruit next year. The raspberry received in '77 is a fine bush; it has quite a number of branches from four to five feet high. I am expecting a large show of fruit on this bush next season. I laid it down this fall.

*Report of W. Ross, Owen Sound.*

The tree of Glass Seedling Plum arrived in very bad order, being barked and split in several places, but has made splendid growth this year, growing over seven feet. The Flemish Beauty Pear has gone wild with growth, being four times the size of the Swayzie Pomme Grise; but no keeping it in shape. The Burnet Grape is doing well with me, making a growth of over seven feet, after bad luck in the spring, the buds being rubbed off twice.

*Report from Andrew Dickson, Galt.*

The Grape Vine for 1878 which I received, is growing nicely, and I am well pleased with it

*Report from Jonas Neff, Port Colborne.*

The Goodale Pear is a fine grower; it has the finest shaped top of all the pears in my garden. No sign of blight. Glass Seedling Plum continues its healthy growth. No appearance of black-knot. Burnet Grape appears to be quite at home, it made a growth of over three feet. My fruit crop this season was a total failure, except that the Baldwin was all that could be desired.

I have a certain remedy to destroy ant nests, if any of our members are troubled with these pests let them cover them four or five inches deep with drift sand and watch the result.

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