

VARIETIES TO PLANT.

SIR,—Would Worden, Brighton, Concord and Niagara be good and profitable varieties to plant in this section? If not, what varieties would you substitute?

A. W. G., *St. Thomas.*

The selection made by our correspondent is an exceedingly good one. The Brighton is a delicate and delicious grape, and where it succeeds well, the bunches are fine, large and very inviting. It is also, with us, a productive variety, but it is somewhat tender for shipping. The Lindley is better in this respect among the red varieties. Our correspondent's list does not include any kinds for long-keeping. If winter varieties are wanted, the Vergennes and Salem might be added.

VEGETABLES ON SANDY SOIL.

SIR,—Would you please say what vegetables I might be able to grow successfully on sandy loam, with quicksand bottom?

S. G. F., *Leamington.*

Reply by J. J. H. Gregory, Marblehead, Mass.

I would say that on such a soil as you name, if it is fairly manured, you can grow Yellow Mangold beans, Winnegstadt cabbage, lettuce, melons, cucumbers, peas and turnips, also Hubbard squashes.

APPLES FOR MUSKOKA.

SIR,—A friend of mine wishes to plant 100 apple trees, the locality is in Walpole. I wish you would advise me as to the most suitable varieties for shipping purposes, and a few for their own use and local trade. What have you in your locality suitable for planting in the north, Muskoka, apples and crabs.

F. W. FEARMAN, *Hamilton.*

The varieties most commendable for planting in the Muskoka district, are the following, named about in their order of ripening: Yellow Transparent, Duchess, Wealthy, LaRue, Scott's Winter. These are well tested kinds. There are some of the Russian, and other apples, which may yet prove deserving of first place.

A CURIOSITY.

SIR,—I had a curiosity in my garden last year. A Duchess apple tree, which I had transplanted in Nov., '90, and which I clipped and pruned heavily, in the spring blossomed all round nicely, and set a large crop of fruit, which by the time they were gooseberry size, it commenced to drop; as the old sap, I suppose, was being exhausted, and only matured 16 apples, the last of which it dropped on the 26th August. But about the last week of July, and while many apples were yet on the limbs, the tree commenced blossoming over again, and blossomed thus all through August and a part of Sept. The new sap, I suppose, gave it this second spring start. Do you think it will bear coming season? Answer through magazine.

M. McKINNON, *Ottawa.*

We should say these symptoms were not favorable for the future usefulness of the tree. It would have been wiser to have removed the blossoms, for it is too exhausting of the tree's vitality, to allow it to fruit so soon after transplanting.