

doubt not, but that in a very short time there would be an impetus and an interest imparted to Horticulture hitherto unknown in this county. After careful enquiry from many reliable sources, our Directors are of opinion that the five varieties, the best for profit, placed in the order of merit, are the—Fameuse, Wealthy, Duchess, Summer St. Lawrence and Alexander. We might add a sixth—the Canada Baldwin—planted in soil suitable to its growth; but whether it should remain sixth or occupy the place of one of the preceding five, we are not, as yet, fully able to determine. We would be strongly in favor of propagating some of the choicest and best varieties of seedlings. There are many orchards not merely in our own county but also in those adjacent, in which very old seedling trees are to be found—trees that, for many years, “have braved the battle and the breeze”—the battle of parasitical enemies and the breeze of our inclement winters, and still continue to yield, year after year, good crops of large apples, excellent in quality. These selected seedlings we think it would be most desirable to propagate. We might here mention a fact to which allusion has been made in our first published report, although yet many of our members are unacquainted with it, viz.: That Shefford furnished Abbotsford with its first grafted fruit trees, and even to this day the relics of an old orchard on the western slope of Shefford Mountain, remains a monument to the enterprise and fruit-growing taste of John Spalding, who first planted a grafted tree in our county, probably the first ever planted in the Eastern Townships.

THE GRAPE EXHIBIT.

We will now briefly allude to the grape exhibit, which was much inferior to that of 1881, yet we had 56 plates on view, Mr. W. Mead Pattison, Clarenceville, taking First Prize on collections. There is no more conversant adept in grape culture in this Province than Mr. Pattison, and to his experience and courtesy we are indebted for much of the following information:—“In black grapes,” he writes, “fully tested, I would name in their order of ripening, as adapted to general culture in our Province—Champion, Worden and Barry; in reds—Massassoit, Brighton, Delaware and