

sented in our plate by *E. pectinatus*, which Mr. Blanc says is decidedly one of the very best for blooming that can possibly be obtained. Strong plants often bear twelve to fifteen flowers, and open four or five at a time. The flowers are large, often measuring three and a-half inches across, and are of a beautiful bright purplish pink, and very fragrant. Next in freedom of blooming is *Echinocereus cœspitosus*, which bears large purple flowers; some varieties bear yellow flowers, and others dark rose and shining crimson.

We hope to be able in some future number to give our readers further notes of this curious family of plants; meanwhile, anyone can procure a copy of Mr. Blanc's "Hints on Cacti," by enclosing to him the trifling sum of fifteen cents, addressing him at 314 North Eleventh Street, Philadelphia.

THE SUMMER MEETING

of the Fruit Growers' Association of Ontario will be held in the Town Hall, Lindsay, on Wednesday, July 7th, 1886, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, continuing through the day and evening.

An adjourned meeting will be held at Bobcaygeon on Thursday, the 8th of July, at one o'clock. The members will leave Lindsay at eight o'clock on Thursday morning, by boat, pausing at Sturgeon Point to inspect the vineyard of Mr. John Knowlson, and arrive at Bobcaygeon in time for dinner at noon. The meeting will continue until three o'clock. Members can then return by

fast boat to Lindsay in time to take the evening trains east and west.

Members intending to be present can have rooms secured for them by writing to Mr. Thos. Beall, Lindsay, informing him of their wishes.

Members travelling by rail will please purchase round-trip tickets when leaving home.

The Directors will meet at eight o'clock on Tuesday evening, July 6th, at the Benson House.

The following subjects are proposed for discussion:—

SUBJECTS FOR CONSIDERATION.

1. *Strawberries*.—Time for planting. Hills or matted rows. Varieties for different soils. Name four of the most desirable varieties suitable for this locality; for market.
2. *Pears*.—Name four varieties suitable for cultivation here. What is the best mode of cultivation?
3. *Plums*.—Can plums be profitably grown here? What varieties? What insect pests are they liable to? What are the remedies?
4. *Apples*.—Why are there so many failures in our apple orchards? The right time to prune apple trees. Should orchards be cultivated after the trees commence to bear fruit? Are wind-breaks necessary? Aspects of orchards. Name ten varieties that can be profitably grown for market purposes here.
5. *Roses*.—Name twelve varieties suitable for general cultivation. Kind of soil most suitable. Insect enemies. Remedies.
6. *Tulips*.—Method of cultivation. Should the bulbs be taken out of the ground during the summer? At what time?
7. *Grapes*.—What varieties may be profitably grown in this county? The hardi-