

3. PEARS. Please name best varieties or profit.—T. R., *Lambton Co.*

For *summer pears* we can recommend the following as having been tested and proved most satisfactory at Maplehurst Fruit Farm, Grimsby, which is about the same latitude as that of Alvinston, viz:—Rostiezer, Bartlett and Clapp's Favorite. *Autumn*—Duchess, Belle Lucrative, Louise, Sheldon, Anjou and Howell; and for *winter*—Lawrence, Winter Nelis and Josephine de Malines. Of these the Duchess, Louise, Anjou, Josephine de Malines succeed best as dwarfs, that is budded on quince stock instead of being grafted on pear stock.

4. PLUMS. Which varieties are best, and what are merits of Moore's Arctic?—F. R., *Lambton Co.*

A good list would be green and yellow—Washington, General Hand, Imperial Gage, Coes Golden Drop; red and purple—Pond's Seedling, Lombard, Glass, and Duane's Purple. We have not yet fruited Moore's Arctic, but it is highly commended for the northern sections for its hardiness, and it is also said to be less subject to the ravages of the curculio than the more tender varieties.

5. GRAPES. Which are the best varieties of grapes to grow for market?—T. R., *Lambton Co.*

In view of the present over-production of grapes for both Canadian and American markets, we would advise growing only the largest and choicest varieties if you look for any profit. Among black grapes, Rogers' No. 4 (or Wilder) is a fine large sort, of excellent quality, ripening about with the Concord. Moore's Early is the best of the well tried early black grapes, preceding the Concord by nearly a fortnight. It is of a fine size, but not equal to the Concord in productiveness. The Concord should not be omitted from any collection. Of red grapes the Rogers' 9 (Lindley) is one of the best on account of its size and quality. It ripens just before the Concord. A sawn (Rogers' 15) and Salem (Rogers' 22) are also equally excellent, but the latter, which ripens about with the Concord, is often badly affected with mildew. It is particularly desirable for its winter-keeping qualities. The Delaware, though small in size, has not yet been surpassed for excellence of quality. It needs high culture and plenty of plant-food. Among white grapes try Jessica, Niagara and Pocklington, they will ripen in the order named and thus give a succession. Some who have tested Moore's Diamond claim that it promises to surpass them all in quality and equal any of them in productiveness, but it is too soon yet for us to give any decided opinion.

OPEN LETTERS.

Plant Distribution.

Through the liberality of the Fruit Growers Association a very large number of the very best and finest varieties of fruits and flowers are now being grown and tested in various parts of Ontario. The following letters are examples of the testimony received concerning the benefits of our plant distribution:

SIR, —I enclose a list of plants received from the office of the CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST, and their present condition.

1887. A Niagara grape vine, thriving nicely.

1886. A Russian apple tree, doing well, but got broken by the storms of freezing rain in winter of 1886-7.

1885. A white moss rose, doing very well, and now a big bush.

1884. A Deutzia Crenata, now a fine large and beautiful shrub.