

comes soft and over-ripe, and should always be honestly graded, that is not putting all the small and deformed fruit at the bottom of the package and a very few fine specimens on the top, but keep each size separate. Next strive to have your fruit in the market when there is not a glut of the same kind there. Very early and late samples always sell the most readily.

Packing.—This requires great care, for no matter how good the sample is, if it is badly packed it may only obtain the lowest price in the market, and months of labor and anxiety will be lost in a few hours. A few general principles will only be mentioned now, further particulars will be found under each kind of fruit. Always pack as carefully for a short journey as for a long one, and always pack firmly—that is, none of the fruit should be able to move in position when fastened down. All movement means damage. On the other hand, no pressure must be applied to soft fruits. All fruits should be gathered only when perfectly dry, not starting to gather them when there is a heavy dew, or immediately after showers. Pack in small parcels to prevent crushing and fermentation. When gathered send to the destination as soon as possible; delay means depreciation of sample. Be very careful that no damaged fruits are sent, as very few of these will soon spoil the good ones if any delay occurs in the transit or sale, and always keep everything perfectly clean and dry.—*Journal of Horticulture.*

THE COUNTRY NORTH OF LAKE NIPISSING.

I HAVE just returned from a trip to the north of Lake Nipissing, and spent a little time in looking over the flora of that section. Down the Sturgeon River the basswood grows to a large size; at Sturgeon Falls are a few apples planted which are doing fairly well, especially the crabs where they are planted on drained soil. I have no doubt most of the hardy apples grown in this section will do well there, that is sorts that do not start to grow too freely in the spring. All sorts of wild fruits are abundant there. Sand plums, sand cherries and the amelanchier, with the Saskatoon, make up the principal of those grown on the rocks or dry plains. The raspberries are very fine, but very few blackberries are to be seen.

The wild plum and frost grape are very plentiful on the islands in Lake Nipissing, some of the grapes are said to be of good quality, but I had not time to go to see them.

The wild rose, in several colours and very fragrant, grows here in great profusion and take kindly to garden culture and soon show improvements,