

The same gentleman also sent me three fine plums on the 3rd of September last, and which for convenience I will refer to as Nos. 1, 2 and 3.

*No. 1* has been grown about Owen Sound for many years from sprouts without name, and is supposed to be a seedling. It is a very fine dark colored plum, obovate, with a broad shallow suture half round; stalk curved, surrounded with a peculiar ring, very good in quality. It much resembles Bradshaw, from which it may be a seedling. Mr. Trotter proposes to call it "Lady Grey."

*No. 2* is a seedling from Duane's Purple, a clingstone, with greenish flesh and rather poor quality, and under medium size. The tree is a good bearer and quite hardy.

*No. 3* is a seedling from Smith's Orleans. It is a semi-cling of yellowish flesh and very good quality; in size, above medium; and the tree is a very healthy grower, said to be free from black-knot. The foliage is very dense, the leaves are thick, dark green and leathery. It is a most abundant bearer.

The *Early Green* was sent me by Mr. W. Holton, of Hamilton, and seemed to me to be a most valuable seedling. An outline sketch of this plum appeared in our journal, Vol. XI, page 265, which, however, shows it rather under size. It is a delicious plum of most excellent quality, of medium size, roundish in form, with a delicate skin marbled in two shades of green; the pit is small and free. The stem is delicate and about three-quarters of an inch long. The great point which makes it especially valuable is its time of ripening. The sample came to hand on the 3rd of August, and was then in prime eating condition.

PEACHES.—I have little to report to you under this head. Mr. A. M. Smith, of St. Catharines, sent me a seedling of his which on account of its time of ripening is worthy of notice. He calls it *Smith's Extra Late*. The sample came to hand on the first of October, and on measurement I found it to be about eight inches in circumference, a fine large yellow flesh and yellow-skinned peach of good quality, and a perfect free-stone.

Another seedling was sent me from Chatham by Mr. J. L. Scott, a magnificent peach, equalling, if not surpassing the *Early Crawford* in quality, and also resembling that popular variety in size and beauty of appearance. The skin is yellow with an exquisitely beautiful red cheek; flesh, yellow, rich, juicy and melting, and free from the stone; well worthy of propagation. Its season of ripening is about the middle of September.

SMALL FRUITS.—The *Pearl Gooseberry* is a seedling of Prof. Saunders, raised by crossing Downing with an English variety known as Ashton's Seedling. It has been now fairly well tested, and is worthy of especial notice because of (1) its good quality, (2) its size, (3) its great productiveness, and (4) its freedom from mildew. I saw a row of some fifty bushels at Port Dalhousie, on Mr. Smith's grounds there, and every one of them was a surprise on account of the number of berries to the inch of wood, and all of them much larger than the Downing.

*Crosby's Seedling* is a fine red gooseberry, samples of which were sent me in 1888 by Mr. A. Reeve, of Highland Creek. He says it was raised by M. L. Crosby of the township of Markham, about eight years ago. Fruit very large, roundish, slightly oval; skin, smooth, thin, very dark red, with veins of a lighter red, mostly dotted with small grey dots; stem stout, calyx prominent, quality excellent. The only question concerning this berry is whether its present freedom from mildew is constant or not. It has so much the appearance of the genuine English varieties, that one cannot help being a little fearful of this point.

*The King Conn, or Autocrat*, has been so well brought before you in other ways, that I do not think it necessary to speak of it here. Nor need I speak of the *Northern Light Grape* which is also well introduced to your notice in our Annual Reports.