

distant when the great Northwest will be the chief market for Ontario grapes, and therefore we must plant most largely of such varieties as carry well and keep for a long time in first-class condition.

OPINIONS OF OTHERS.

M. PETTIT, Winona, Ont.:—Brighton is not a favorite red grape with those who grow extensively for market in this section. It does not sell as well as Red Rodgers, is fully as subject to mildew, and does not bear regular grapes. If heavily laden one year it will be light the next, and if allowed to hang on the vines after it is ripe loses its sprightly flavor. I think Lindley, Agawam and Delaware are much better.

F. W. BRODRICK, St. Catharines:—The Brighton grape may well be classed as one of our best commercial red varieties. It is a good vigorous grower and a productive bearer. It is a grape of excellent quality for dessert and always meets with a ready sale on the markets. It ripens in good season and is very rarely injured by fall frosts in our locality. It grows well on sandy loam or light gravelly soil, but may be grown with success on heavier soils.

A. W. PEART, Burlington, Ont.:—I have about 60 vines of Brighton eleven years old, and do not consider them as desirable and profitable as some other varieties. It is not so productive as the Worden or Concord, and although of fine quality, its color—a reddish purple—is not distinctive enough to give it a higher price than the black varieties unless it be known to the consumer. It is also subject to mildew.

T. H. RACE, Mitchell, Ont.:—Quite early in the eighties the originator sent me two vines of the Brighton grape to see how they would do in this locality. I have grown them ever since. The vine is a good grower, fairly hardy, but not what I would call a heavy bearer. The fruit ripens before the

Concord, and is of better quality. I have it growing side by side with the Amber Queen, but it is not as strong a grower nor as heavy a bearer as the latter. With me the Amber Queen has never mildewed, and in growth and bearing qualities it has always outstripped the Brighton, and for this section I would consider it a preferable grape. The Brighton, however, is a trifle earlier, a larger bunch, and somewhat more attractive in appearance.

W. T. MACOUN, C. E. F., Ottawa:—There are several varieties of grapes which ripen earlier than the Brighton at Ottawa, but the latter will ripen if the season is fairly favorable. If I were planting six varieties for home use here it would be among them. When mixed with other varieties which bloom at the same time, the fruit sets well, and there is a good crop of it. The quality is very good, and even if the fruit is not thoroughly ripened, as is sometimes the case here, the fruit is usually palatable, as it becomes sweet before quite mature.

W. COX, Collingwood:—The Brighton does well here. I have grown it about 18 years, and I have never laid it down a winter yet. It bears well with us, and the fruit is of such good quality that anyone who buys them once is always ready for them again. I think a good deal of Brighton.

W. WARNOCK, Goderich:—I consider the Brighton the best dessert grape in its season of all the American grapes. It is one of the strongest growers and produces very large bunches and plenty of them. The berries are extra large, dark red, of the finest flavor when used as soon as ripe, but they lose their rich flavor very soon after they ripen, so they should be used quickly after they become ripe. The vine is quite hardy with me, and a regular cropper. I am sure no one will ever regret planting a vine of Brighton if they live to taste its fruit.