

By careful and judicious pruning and training, I have ripened the *Isabella*, *Diana*, *Sweet Water*, and *Hartford Prolific*, to perfection, and with such fair prospect of marketing the fruit at paying prices, that I have been induced to plant more largely. The prices obtained have seldom been below twenty cents per lb., and frequently higher than that.

I have experimented with different sorts, and have, at the present time, some twenty varieties.

*Black Cluster*—Berries set too close together, which causes them to decay in the centre of the bunch unless thinned.

*Concord*—Strong, hardy, vigorous; forms a good substantial bunch.

*Royal Muscadine*.—Very fine, worthy of further trial.

*Rodgers' No. 15* fruited well; very strong grower; berries large but rather loose; ripens well and has a good flavor.

*Rodgers' No. 19*.—I have young vines of this variety, but they shed their leaves before the fruit ripens.

*Iona*—Not thoroughly tested; late.

*Salem*—Promises well; late.

*Delaware*—Ripens well; berries small, but very sweet; abundant bearer.

All my vines are covered during the winter with spruce boughs or coarse litter, and lifted from the 1st to the 10th of May. I find that the *Concord* is perfectly hardy, and stands our winters without the least injury. It is the best variety to use by those who wish a hardy arbor grape, or for planting over door ways.

As fresh grapes are a wholesome luxury during the autumn and winter, it is a wonder that there is not more interest taken in their cultivation, as they can readily be produced on the sides of buildings, where nothing else will grow.

In thousands of families ripe grapes, even in their season, are unknown. It is an easy task to grow a family supply of this delightful fruit, as the work is light and clean, though the vines want frequent attention, and yet how few attempt to grow their own grapes; and of these many fail because they do not give the required attention at the proper time.

The introduction of new varieties, and the success attending the efforts of those who have attempted to cultivate grapes, in our Province, have awakened an interest in the minds of many, who, a short time ago, thought it impossible to grow such fruit successfully.