

a peculiar dull reddish-brown color. We suspect that the fruit could not have been quite ripe, for in flavor they were more acid and less mild than Lee's Black gathered for comparison.

CRANBERRY CULTURE.

Can you give me the system of Cranberry culture and the conditions necessary to success? Can they be raised from the seed, or would it be better to set out the plants? Do you know any place where cultivated plants can be obtained at a reasonable figure?

Yours truly,

S. CORNELL.

Theford, August 4th, 1886.

REPLY.—The paper on Cranberries, by Vice-President Allan, which will be found in this number, will answer your inquiries as to cultivation. It would probably be a slow process to raise them from seed, cuttings are usually employed. We do not know who has them for sale.

PRUNING GRAPE VINES.

DEAR SIR,—I read with much pleasure your very minute and interesting instructions relative to the growing of grape vines by amateurs in the April Number of the *Canadian Horticulturist*, and am, I trust, profiting by them.

I would like you to give me your advice on this matter. Some of my vines are making excellent growth—an improvement on my previous experience—and, besides making long shoots, are throwing out vigorous laterals. Now, I wish you to tell me how I am to treat these. Let them grow, or cut them off? If this latter, how will the bearing bud for the following year be affected?

Kindly say in your next Number, and oblige,
Yours truly,
J. L. THOMPSON.

Toronto, 29th July, 1886.

REPLY.—You might pinch off the ends of the laterals with advantage. This will tend to strengthen the buds at the base. All severe summer pruning is to be avoided.

DANDELIONS IN THE LAWN.

SIR,—Can you inform me through your journal how I can improve my lawn, it has become full of dandelion. Your attention will oblige much.

Yours respectfully,

S. BEGG.

Innerkip, Ont., 4th August, 1886.

REPLY.—The only way known to us to get rid of them is that of cutting them so far below the crown that the roots will not sprout again, and removing the portion thus cut off. We remember to have seen some laborers doing this on the lawn of an eminent horticulturist in Rochester, N.Y., some years ago, and feel sure that if there had been any better method known to him, he would have employed that method.

CORRESPONDENCE.

HARDINESS OF WEIGELA ROSEA.

In the February Number of your valuable journal you ask for more information regarding the hardiness of the "Weigelas." I have a "Weigela" which has for eight years occupied a north-western exposure (perhaps as cold a situation as is to be found in the County of Huron), and it thrives admirably without any protection whatever, has never been damaged by frost, and is each year the admiration of all who see it, on account of the density and beauty of both foliage and bloom. It is the "Rosea" variety.

Yours respectfully,

ROBERT HARRISON.

Ashfield, Co. Huron, July 22, 1886.