

### New Grapes.

I am glad to corroborate what has been said regarding the Victoria grape. It has proved vigorous, productive, and of fair quality at Ottawa, but does not ripen early enough for growers in this latitude. Woodruff is an exceedingly handsome variety, productive, but rather poor in quality and later than Concord. El Dorado is my favorite white grape, but is not profitable, and is partially self-sterile. Vergennes is one of the most satisfactory red varieties in the experimental vineyard. Combined with great productiveness are good quality and excellent keeping properties. It is the best winter grape in our collection. Miller grape is a very happy combination of the European *V. vinifera* and the American *V. cordifolia*. It also keeps excellently. Secretary is a variety of the same type.

### Figs.

The note referring to "Canadian Grown Figs," recalls the fact that a sample package of figs grown by H. Pafford, at Niagara-on-the-Lake, mailed to this office, but for some unknown reason never came into my hands. I think the credit of growing this sample (without glass) should be awarded to Mayor Pafford.

Ottawa.

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NOTE BY EDITOR.—The figs came to hand, with a tag on which was printed "From the Central Experimental Farm." Evidently they were forwarded here by mistake.

### THE LIEBIG APPLE.

The Russian apples were introduced in the belief that they would prove of special value for what is familiarly called the cold North, and their introduction will undoubtedly make it practicable to successfully grow this fruit several degrees further north than would otherwise be possible. A variety that is now being planted in large quantities in severe sections in Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin is the Liebig. It is a variety of poor quality for dessert purposes, though not to be despised for this use where other fruit is scarce. Its chief value, however, is a cooking apple, for which purpose it is doubtful if it can be excelled. It is a winter apple in north Iowa. The fruit is large, broadly conical in form, and when ripe, well colored with red. The tree is a vigorous grower of spreading habit, seldom, if ever, blighting badly, and very much hardier than the Duchess of Oldenburg. It is, perhaps, the hardiest of the valuable kinds of apples, and well worth trying by those living in the extreme North and by those who are situated where the common belief is that only crab apples can be grown. It is not a new variety, and can be bought of the general nursery trade in the Mississippi valley. The Hiberna resembles it closely, and the two names are by many nurseries applied to the same kind.—Rural World.