

Mr. HILBORN (of Arkona).—We grow mostly the common red cherry. I have planted a good many varieties, but they have not fruited yet. This year the old white variety has been a failure, but last year they were a good crop.

Mr. BEALL.—I had lots of cherries, but they are all gone. I had one row of thirty trees, large enough to grow three or four bushels each; but in six years we did not get half a bushel off the whole. The robins multiplied faster than the cherries. What trees did not bear, have been destroyed by the black knot, and the little trees at the roots grow worse than thistles. I have not a good word to say about the cherry tree.

Col. MCGILL.—The robin does not affect the crop where we live. I have never known them to touch these cherries except where the skin was broken. Our experience in Whitby has led us to give up trying to raise the sweeter class of cherries altogether, and the Early Richmond has been so badly affected by black knot, that we have had to cut the trees down. I first saw this black knot on a little wild cherry in the woods. The yellow cultivated cherries are not troubled much, and the old Pie cherry is not either. There is more money in the Early Richmond than any other, and it is not a bad cherry. It is like a great many other fruits, it has a good appearance outside before it is really good inside. Let it get ripe and it is very fair, and is one of the best we have for Canada.

Vice-President BUCKE.—Has anybody else had any experience in grafting cultivated cherries on the wild tree?

Mr. ALLAN.—They will grow very rapidly; even on a wild choke cherry.

Mr. HILBORN.—I have thought that the common Kentish cherry was more free from black knot than any other.

Col. MCGILL.—It is not so free on mine. It is not two weeks since I cut off twenty limbs from a few trees that had been out three years.

GRAPES.

Mr. BUCKE (of Ottawa).—This has been a very bad year for ripening grapes.

Mr. GOVENLOCK (of Seaforth).—I have almost all the Rogers varieties and I have the Concord and Delaware. They are just coming into bearing. Last year they were frozen off; but I see No. 9 has some very fine bunches on them. (Mr. Govenlock then described a trellis which he had invented that answered the purposes very well.)

Dr. SLOAN (of Blyth).—I grow the Martha, Salem, Concord and Pocklington. I think most of the Pocklington. It is loaded with beautiful fine fruit. The only desire I have now is to get the Niagara. The Salem does not mildew with me, and I have had a crop off that for the last four or five years.

Mr. GOVENLOCK.—I have Moore's Early and Prentiss in addition to what I mentioned.

Mr. BUCKE.—Are there any regular vineyards planted here?

Dr. SLOAN.—Mr. MacPhie, of Colborne, is the only successful grape grower on a large scale that I know of.

Mr. ALLAN.—He grows Concord mostly and Rogers' Four. He also has the Salem growing very well; but his Concords are not doing well this year. While I am up I may as well tell you what I grow. I grow all the old varieties; but I fancy that the Concord is running out. I find that it is not as good a crop these two or three years as it was before that time. It is not as compact, as far as I have seen it on the Exhibition tables this year. It is later in ripening and does not form as well. The Delaware is ripening well. I believe there is more money in this new grape the Niagara than any of them. It is the strongest grower of any. I am willing if the doctor can ripen Pocklington to give him the best chromo I can get. The Salem is succeeding very well. The Worden is the coming grape, and the Wilder is good. The Prentiss is too slow a grower. The Duchess is a fair grower and a very fine berry. The Jessica is a little on the small side, but it is early and is a delicious little thing. I ripened a new seedling of my own this year, but I have not had a chance to test it yet. The children went for it too rapidly for me to see much about it. The berry is as dark as the Concord and a great deal better in quality. It is a chance seedling. I have the Brighton, and it is very fair. There

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