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THE REQUA GRAPE (ROGERS No. 28).

 FINE table grape, supposed to be too late for Canada, but ripening well in Niagara district. A sample of the kind of grape which should be grown for export, but the vine is scarcely productive enough to be profitable.

ORIGIN: E. S. Rogers, Salem, Mass., a hybrid between the Wild Labrusca, or Mammoth Fox grape, of Massachusetts, and a European variety. Mr. Rogers produced his seedlings in 1856, and at first introduced them only by their numbers.

VINE: fairly vigorous and moderately productive.

BUNCH: large, shouldered, moderately compact, but sometimes poor.

BERRY: large, round; skin, thin, wine color with thick bluish bloom. Pulp, tender, juicy; flavor, sweet, sprightly; seeds, two or three, of medium size.


QUALITY: dessert, very good.

VALUE: 1st class for home or foreign market.

SEASON: Sept., Oct. and Nov.

GRAPE GROWING.

EXPORT.

 HE grape growers of Ontario will be pleased to learn that arrangements have been made by the Hon. Sidney Fisher for a continuation of the experiments in the export of our grapes. Our fields are so wide in proportion to our markets that we can easily produce far more grapes than we can sell in our own country, but, if we can succeed in creating a demand for them in Great Britain, there would be no

limit to the market. Much has already been accomplished in the way of overcoming the prejudice against this fruit, but much remains, and we are glad that the work is to be pushed vigorously. About 100,000 lbs. of grapes, chiefly Rogers, are to be forwarded next autumn, and this should be sufficient to open the way for a constant trade; and even if the prices are not in advance of those usually received at home, this extension of our markets will open up