

*Muscadine*, and *Black Cluster*. Other and more recently introduced sorts are being grown, but with what result is not yet known. Mr. Sutton has fruited a seedling or two which bid fair to be successful. I have vines of the *Salem*, and the *Champion*, a new sort introduced by J. E. Stone, of Charlotte, New York, for which he claims many superior qualities not yet fruited with me, however.

The *Hartford Prolific* would seem to be the earliest grape grown here, but it does not happen to be as hardy or as vigorous a grower as the *Isabella* or *Diana*, and the clusters are very open, not well shouldered, and fall from the vines unless gathered at ripening. The *Concord* is fast coming into favor, will ripen before the *Isabella*, and is a better grape. The *Isabella* has been so long cultivated with us, that it has become acclimated, and stands our winter better than almost any other variety; but it requires severe pruning and girdling to produce fine grapes; it is a good bearer.

Hot-house grape culture is engaged in by several gentlemen in Halifax and other parts of the Province, and with good success. Besides the graperies of Messrs. George H. Starr, Hamilton, Black, Harris, and others, William Cunard, Esq., son of the late Sir Samuel Cunard, erected a large grapery at his former beautiful residence on the Northwest Arm, and upon the most approved plan; and the Hon. P. C. Hill, provincial secretary, who now resides there, produces annually tons of grapes of the best sorts. A cluster raised by Mr. Hill was sent to the Massachusetts Horticultural Society in the autumn of 1874, in connection with a collection of apples and pears, and was noticed in their last *Journal*.

Plums are quite extensively grown throughout the Province, and the crop generally considered a paying one, especially since steam communication with large cities of the Atlantic seaboard has been perfected, and facilities exist for getting the crop to market. The kinds most generally cultivated are those that will bear transportation best; and many of them—such as *Magnum Bonum* or *Yellow Egg*, *Large Blue*, *Sweet Water* and *Damson*—are largely propagated by sprouts and suckers; they are also reproduced from seed and frequently show variations from the original types, some of which are improvements and have been preserved and propagated.

The list of kinds grown is large, and will embrace nearly all the "Gages" of any note—*Nectarine*, *Washington*, *Jefferson*, *McLaughlin*,