

of the affiliation of all local Fruit Growers' Associations with the Provincial Society, so as to work in greater harmony. The plan of work would be somewhat like that of the Farmers' Institutes, and meetings would be held during March and April over the whole country, and be addressed by a fruit expert. The membership fee would be 25 cents. Mr. W. H. Bunting also spoke on the same subject, viewing the scheme with much favor, and he moved the following resolution which was unanimously passed, viz.:

Resolved that this association learns with pleasure that the Department of Agriculture has taken steps through the Secretary of the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association, Mr. G. C. Creelman, towards organizing throughout the Province in the various agricultural district, Fruit Growers' Associations which will affiliate with the Provincial Association, and will be a channel through which the fruit growers of this Province may act in unison on matters which may arise in which concerted action may be advisable and necessary.

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ORIGIN OF THE AMERICAN GRAPE.

Dr. Jessop, M.P.P., of St. Catharines, gave an address on the origin of the American grape, which was very instructive. It dealt with the origin and history of the *Catawba*, that first great American grape, still one of the leading varieties in cultivation, found wild in North Carolina in 1802; the *Isabella*, introduced from South Carolina into New York State in 1816 by Mrs. Isabella Gibbs; the *Diana*, a seedling of *Catawba*, exhibited at Boston in 1843 by Mrs. Diana Crehore, the originator; the *Concord*, a seedling introduced by Mr. E. W. Bull, of

Concord, Mass., about the year 1850; and the *Clinton*, now widely used in Europe as a stock on which to graft other varieties because of its immunity from the dreadful phylloxera.

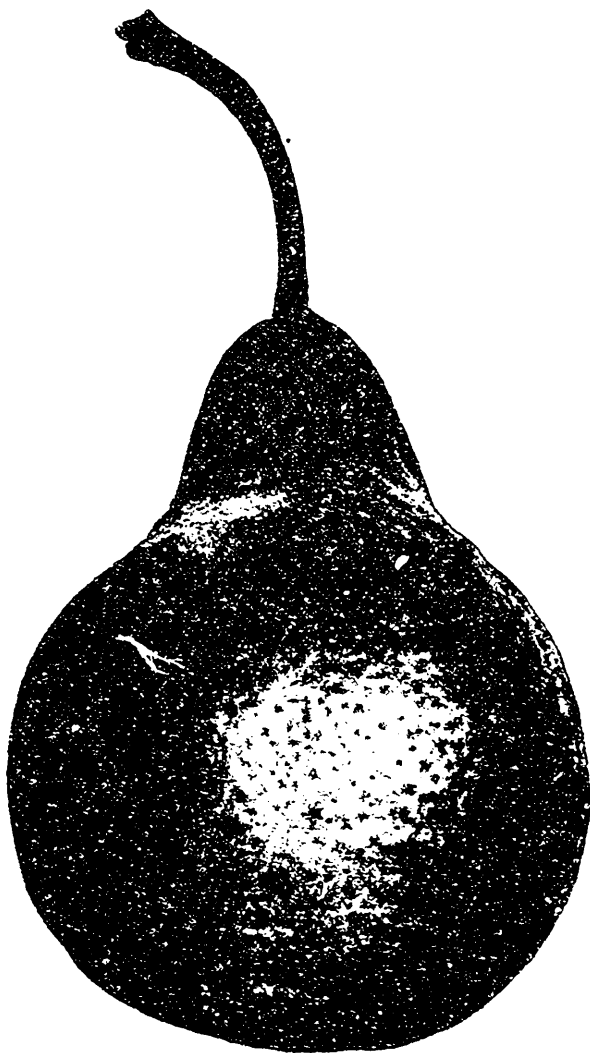


FIG. 2282. EXPORT PEARS—THE BOSC.