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CAMPBELL'S EARLY GRAPE.

LAST summer we fruited this grape for the first time, and our acquaintance with it was most favorable. Its fine size, its earliness and good quality seem to combine to make it the most promising of our commercial varieties. We do not wish to commend the grape too highly, for one season's acquaintance is not sufficient to enable one to speak with authority; but it certainly is an earlier and a better grape than the Concord, which is now the leading commercial variety in North America. We have still to study the vigor of the vine and its productiveness, and if, in these respects, it equals the Concord, then we can recommend the grape without reserve.

The name perpetuates the memory of the venerable G. H. Campbell, of Ohio, who counted this one of his first productions. He had been experimenting fifteen years, endeavoring to produce a grape that should

have the merits and not the faults of the Concord, and this was the result of different crosses with Hartford, Concord, Moore's Early, and Muscat Hamburg, selecting the hardiest and healthiest vines.

The grape ripens with Moore's Early, its bunch is large and shouldered; the berries large, often one inch in diameter, black in color, with thick blue bloom; flavor rich and sweet without foxiness; and it should be valuable for distant shipments.

Campbell's Early was first sent out in 1896, so that it has not yet become very widely known, but we believe that we have spoken of its merits in moderate terms. We are placing it on the list for distribution in the spring of 1902, and we hope that we shall soon have reports of its behavior in various parts of Ontario, especially regarding its ability to resist cold in our northern sections.