

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HASKINS' SEEDLING GRAPES.

To the President and Directors of the Fruit Growers' Association:

Your Committee appointed to examine the Seedling Grapes of Wm. Haskins', Esq., Hamilton, beg leave to report :

That after examining some fine clusters exhibited by him at the Central Fair, Hamilton, October 3rd, they proceeded to his grounds where they found a large collection of very fine seedlings produced by hybridizing our hardy native grapes with some of the best foreign varieties. The most notable of these were three varieties which Mr. Haskins designates as A, B and C. Letter A is a cross between the Black Hamburg and Hartford Prolific, and is a dark grape of medium size, somewhat resembling the Eumelan, of fair quality, a strong, thrifty grower, and an abundant bearer—might be fancied by some amateurs, but in our opinion, not of sufficient character for general cultivation. Letter B is a good-sized white grape, similar in appearance to Allen's Hybrid, bunches large, compact, and somewhat shouldered. Vine thrifty, foliage healthy and good; wood well ripened, and to all appearance perfectly hardy, and a prodigious bearer. Mr. Haskins informed us it had been tied to a stake where it stood even since planting without any protection, and had thus far escaped injury from our severe winters. We regard it as a great acquisition. Letter C is a cross between the Creveling and Black Hamburg. Vine hardy and a thrifty grower, fully as early as Creveling, berries larger, and bunch more compact; flavour and other characteristics very similar to Creveling. *We regard this as a very valuable and early grape.*

We saw several other promising varieties, some of which were very early, and we doubt not, will prove valuable; but Mr. Haskins, with his characteristic modesty, preferred not to bring them into notice till he had further tried them. We most heartily congratulate him on his success in hybridizing, and sincerely believe the horticultural world will ever owe him a debt of gratitude for his efforts in this direction.

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TWO PLUMS RECEIVED FROM COL. JOHN MCGILL, OSHAWA.

No 1. Small plum; delicious flavour; seedling from an English Golden Drop. Tree, a healthy, strong grower. This plum was awarded a prize at Ottawa by the F. G. A. of Ont., in 1875.

No. 2. A large plum; seedling from Lombard. It is an early and constant bearer. Flavour not as high as the small one. It was awarded a prize in 1875.

MR. JAMES REID'S PLUM.

The Committee, through Mr. Saunders, report as follows on this plum :—Have examined Mr. James Reid's plum. It is distinct in character, as far as form is concerned, being different from every plum that I am acquainted with. The flesh is very smooth, juicy, and melting, but I do not think it is equal in flavour to Lombard, and certainly not at all equal to the finer varieties of plums already in cultivation. Unless there are some peculiar advantages in the habit of the tree, which would render it desirable, I do not think it would be wise to encourage its propagation.

"BAKER'S LONDON GAGE," SEEDLING PLUM.

The fruit of this plum is rich, with very small stone; flesh very firm, and easily parted from the stone. Supposed to be a cross between the Lombard and Green Gage. It is below the medium size, and not particularly distinguished for its good qualities. It closely resem-