

into dextrine its final transformation into glucose is more readily effected than if presented to the digestive apparatus as starch. It may be on this principle that malt extract owes its digestible qualities. But then it contains that peculiar vegetable principle diastase, which is developed during the process of germination, one part of which is sufficient to change 100 parts of starch into glucose. It is declared by some that this principle diastase possesses the property of augmenting the digestive fluid of the stomach. The Trommer Extract of Malt Co. have prepared a number of combinations, such as Extract of Malt with hops, with Cod liver oil, with hypophosphites, with pepsin, and with preparations of iodine, phosphorous, manganese, iron and quinine. These are exceedingly elegant preparations and the formulæ are given with each so that the prescriber can without much research know exactly the dose and quantity of each drug he prescribes for his patient. We have no personal experience in the use of the Ext. of Malt, but there is abundance of evidence of its usefulness to be met with in the medical literature of the day. Mr. R. L. Gibson, the representative of the Malt Company, is in this City at present and is using every exertion to bring this valuable Extract and its combinations prominently before the public.

#### CANADA VINE-GROWERS' ASSOCIATION, COOKSVILLE, ONT.

We have received from Mr. James White specimens of three qualities of wine manufactured from grape juice by the above company.

This is a new industry in our country, and we understand that extensive vineyards are under cultivation which supply several varieties of grape capable of making an unlimited quantity of wine. The wine in some respects is superior to that imported, and as a Canadian enterprise is of vast importance to the prosperity of our country. The qualities which we have received are a white claret which is a full bodied wine, possessing a pleasant flavour and is nutritious and strengthening. We should suppose it would be very beneficial to those recovering from debilitating ailments such as fevers of all kinds, and other