

Transportation.

SIR,—I am glad to see that our mutual friend Mr. Thom, of the "Beaver Line," has discovered that Montreal Shipping Companies handle our apples better than New York Companies. The information I get to date for this season certainly agrees with Mr. Thom. But this is only as regards this season and I am sure our shippers will be greatly pleased to know that our carrying companies have greatly benefited by the scourging administered last year. There is still some room for improvement and I trust our friends at Montreal, as well as our Canadian Railway Companies, will continue to improve and keep well ahead of the American Railways and the N. Y. Steamship Companies. The Canadian carrying companies certainly deserve the patronage of our shippers for their conduct this past season and if they continue their good behavior we will be inclined to turn all traffic via Montreal. But they must not fall back next season, for we have reason to believe that an attempt will be made next season to draw freights via N. Y. both by extra careful handling as well as lower rates.—A. McD. ALLAN, Goderich.

Plants Tested in Renfrew County.

SIR,—I will try and report on plants, etc. I received from the Fruit Growers Association in 1884, a plant of the PRENTISS GRAPE. I think it is too tender for this part as it gets killed nearly to the ground every winter, with the same care and protection as the other vines. In 1885, I received a yearling plant of FAY'S PROLIFIC currant. It is living and doing well; it had a few bunches of fine large currants on this year. The next I received was a yearling vine of the EARLY VICTOR GRAPE; it is hardy and it is doing well. The next I received was the NIAGARA GRAPE-VINE; it stood the winter well and grew splendidly this summer; then I received a package of spring flowering bulbs; they all lived but none of them flowered.—A STEWART, Stewardville, Ont.

From Quebec.

SIR,—For the benefit of those of us who live to the far north (for fruit raising) I would beg of you when describing fruit trees or plants, specially new ones, to particularly state if they are hardy, or very hardy, and also for grapes if they are early or very early.

If it was not so difficult now for me to write, especially in English, I would have sent you some notes on my small experience here in fruit culture, but I will try by and by.

Then if you send out the MOYER grape for trial, I would be thankful to get one and to cultivate it side by side with the Wyoming (very valuable here), and which it seems to

resemble much. Having been brought up as a worker in the largest vineyard on Geneva Lake, Switzerland, and having now twelve years experience here with 19 varieties, I hope to be able to give it a fair trial.—L. PASCHE, Bryson, P.Q.

Complimentary to Ontario.

SIR,—Please send me the HORTICULTURIST for 1889, as I have got settled down in my old home, after tasting the fruit from here to Mexico and the Pacific coast and on the prairies and even among the Mormons. I have failed entirely to find any place that can produce the kinds and quality that we have at home or that can preserve it in its natural state and flavor as we do. Of course, they have their oranges, but we can buy them as cheap here as there, and their wonderful grapes (to let them tell it), but we have just as fine fruit, as many varieties, of a better flavor, and we can keep them perfect for six months or longer, while they can't keep them at all except as raisins or dried. What they lack in most of their fruit is flavor; it is with a few exceptions, utterly flat. So send along the HORTICULTURIST, for we have got the finest country, the finest homes, the nicest people and the best and largest variety of fruit to be found on the continent, and as Canadians we are bound to keep and improve our goodly heritage.—FREEMAN COOPER, Picton Ont.

Fruit Trees Tested in Russell County.

SIR,—The two RUSSIAN cherry trees I have do not grow very fast, and the one I had last year got killed back considerably. My two HAAS apple trees were almost totally killed with frost and cold, and BAXTER'S RED partly, GRIMES' GOLDEN altogether, and GIDEON either killed with cold or something worse. SCOTT'S WINTER, YELLOW TRANSPARENT, Wallbridge, Peach, MacIntosh, Red, Wealthy and Duchess of Oldenburg, are all right yet. Crops and hay very light here this year, potatoes good.—A. WALKER, Metcalfe, Ont.

The Wire Field-Mice Protector.

SIR,—Seeing your notice of the wire field-mice protector, I give you my experience. A friend of mine had about ten trees lately nibbled and spoiled, when for three cents per tree they would have been safe. Since I put the protectors around my trees I have seen no trace of nibbles or any other injury; besides they keep away other insects. I have a woolen cloth fastened around my trees about two and a half feet from the ground, plastered over with Stockholm tar; well, every season the cocoons used to be quite thick underneath the ring of woolen rag and