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THE GRAPE GROWERS of Canada have important interests at stake. The French Treaty proposes the removal of the present 30% ad valorem duty on French wines; and, since many of these wines are artificially produced at nominal cost, and the freight rates from France to Montreal are so very low, the result will be to flood our country with spurious and doctored wines, in competition with our pure native grape wine. Now when we consider that Ontario has an area suitable for grape culture equal to the present area of the vineyards of France, and that already about four thousand people are interested in grape growing in our province, it is evident that it is of the utmost importance that this section of the French Treaty, at least, be not ratified.

APPLES FOR AUSTRALIA.—We have received a letter from the Hon. McKenzie Bowell, in which he calls the attention of the Fruit Growers of Ontario, to the possibility of opening up a profitable export trade in apples with Australia, during the months of October, November and December, the season when they have no native apples. At present apples are shipped to Sydney, N. S. W. from California, during these months, the principal varieties being Winesap, White Winter Pearmain, and American Pippin. The market value is from 10/ to 12/ per box, presumably bushel boxes. The duty is 1/ per bushel. To carry well the apples should be wrapped in paper, and as neatly packed as oranges.

In order to know what opening there really is for us, we have written a correspondent in Sydney for further particulars, and also to the head office of the C. P. R. for through rates per 100 lbs. from Toronto to Sydney.

A MEETING of the Brant Fruit Growers' Association was held in Burford on the afternoon of the 22nd of February, and some interesting papers were