

WESTERN TRIUMPH. This we saw last year in the grounds of A. M. Purdy, Palmyra, N.Y. It was very productive, size of Kittatinny, but a week earlier; quality seemed very fine, but the berry was too ripe to fully judge. This we did hope to be able to recommend for trial, but information received from Minnesota prevents our doing so. It might do fairly on poor soils. Thus we cannot recommend any kind even for trial.

STRAWBERRY.

WILSON'S ALBANY: "The" berry for market on account of its productiveness and firmness of flesh; one opinion to the contrary—one who has five acres at Quebec, on bituminous shale, prefers JUCUNDA and BURK'S NEW PINE.

For home use, WILSON and TRIOMPHE DE GRAND are generally preferred. Of others, TROLLOPE'S VICTORIA, AGRICULTURIST, BLACK PRINCE and perhaps LENNING'S WHITE, seem most thought of; the two latter, only on account of their delicious flavor.

The work connected with this report has been such as we little expected, and such as we will not venture again to undertake. We have labored for the strictest accuracy.

The answers to our circulars were in many cases sadly faulty; and continued correspondence was needed to get the exact information required, except in Montreal, where we received our information by word of mouth.

Every section has its own seedlings. The fruit list of every country is in part made up of its seedlings; a thorough examination into the merits of these would be of the greatest importance, and would, doubtless, fill up many a blank in our fruit lists. Such work can only be thoroughly done by County or Local Associations such as our own. All our good seedlings would then become candidates for honors, and we would feel the need of a Provincial Fruit Growers' Association (such as our sister Provinces of Ont. and N.S. have) to pronounce judgment and to recommend for general cultivation.

To begin such work as this is hard; to continue it, comparatively easy. To continue it, we need the varied experiences of our fruit-growers continually brought before the public in our newspapers, and especially in regard to points in which the experience of individuals differs from this report,—for, being a digest of opinions, it must, in some points, materially differ from the actual experience of every one who reads it.

As a Local Association, we have done our duty, and hope that all interested will do all they possibly can to continue the work which we, from the very necessity of the case, have made this effort to begin.

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Now, after 40 years, if this list were revised, there would be many changes, but among the Apples the Fameuse would still hold its place in the First Ranks.

The late Charles Gibb was an enthusiast in his chosen vocation—Horticulture. In 1872 he purchased the farm then owned by Mr. B. Whitney, and came to Abbotsford to reside in March, 1873. During his seventeen years residence here he turned his grounds into a practical testing station and introduced many foreign varieties of fruits, shrubs and trees. In 1876 he had a plantation of nearly 1000 trees (mostly timber trees) on trial and at our annual exhibition in 1883 he showed a collection of foliage from 100 varieties of timber trees not native to this Province. He also tested