

information in regard to the culture of fruit in this Province.

The sections of country that it is intended to visit this season are—1st, that part lying adjacent to the Detroit River and the North Shore of Lake Erie, extending from Windsor to Amherstburgh, and Morpeth; 2nd, the county of Elgin; 3rd, the county of Brant; 4th, so much as lies within a radius of fifteen miles around the city of Toronto.

Another step has been taken by the Directors which seems likely to be of great benefit to the country, and that is that they will furnish without charge to any member residing in the colder sections of the country scions of any of our fruits, on condition that they will have them grafted and cared for and make a report to the Secretary of their adaptation to the climate. We hope very many gentlemen will avail themselves of this opportunity to obtain scions of our most desirable fruits, and of ascertaining whether they will succeed in their localities.

In addition to the prizes for seedling fruits already offered, the Association has also authorized the committee on seedling fruits to grant an award not exceeding ten dollars to the person exhibiting the best seedling fruit of its kind during the year. This fruit need not necessarily be exhibited at any meeting of the Association, but may be sent at any time to the President, Rev. R. Burnet, Hamilton, who will summon the Fruit Committee to examine it, and their examination will be a sufficient exhibition."

#### LAURA BEVERLY GRAPE.

We find the following in the last number of the *Weekly Globe* :—

Our exchanges are circulating the following paragraph :—

"The *Ontario Farmer* says : Laura Beverly, a grape produced by one of the Niagara District Vineyardists, is very highly spoken of by Mr. Beadle, Horticultural Editor of THE GLOBE. We have not yet fruited it, but on the recommendation just referred to, it has found a place in our garden."

In the CANADA FARMER, for Feb. 7, 1869, page 72, we stated that the Laura Beverly, introduced by the Rev. Alex. Dixon, of Port Dalhousie, so very closely resembles the Creveling that good judges of grapes

are disposed to believe them to be identical. It is of the same colour, time of ripening, size of fruit, and subject to the same fault of forming straggling and imperfect bunches.

Since that time we have had further opportunity of comparing the Creveling and Laura Beverly growing in near proximity in our own grounds, and are fully convinced that Mr. Dixon was laboring under a mistake when he sent out the Laura Beverly under the supposition that it was an entirely new and distinct variety. Before giving the variety a name, Mr. Dixon exhibited the fruit at one of the meetings at the Fruit Growers Association of Ontario, stating that it was from a vine growing in his garden, and that he believed it must be a chance seedling, having no recollection of planting any vine in that place. The grape was not known at that time to any of the members present. Subsequently the writer saw on exhibition a sample of the Creveling, and, struck with the resemblance in appearance and flavour to Mr. Dixon's grape, obtained a cluster of it, and with it in hand made a visit to Mr. Dixon's garden. Mr. Dixon was not at home, but permission was kindly given to examine the grape vine, and on comparing the straggling bunch of Creveling with the bunches on Mr. Dixon's vine which were then well filled out, and believing also the berries on Mr. Dixon's vine, to be somewhat larger, we came to the conclusion that Mr. Dixon's was a larger grape, setting its berries well on the bunch, and though closely resembling the Creveling in flavour, superior to it in these particulars.

The following season, however, on visiting Mr. Dixon's vine, the bunches were found to be very imperfectly set, and the resemblance of this vine, which he had meantime named the Laura Beverly, to the Creveling, was mentioned to Mr. Dixon, and the inquiry started if there was any possibility of the Creveling having been planted by him. His reply was that he had but very recently heard that name applied to any grape, and had certainly never received any of that name, and to this day Mr. Dixon is unable to make out how this vine came into his premises, though himself convinced that it is identical with the Creveling. Here, then is an instance in which a grape-vine came to be re-named and re-introduced to the public, without any intention to deceive, through