

general appearance of berry and bunch, and foliage, our readers are referred to the excellent colored illustration, executed by Canadian artists, Rolph, Smith & Co., of Toronto.

The venerable President of the American Pomological Society, the Hon. M. P. Wilder, in a letter to the writer says, "Its pulp is remarkably free from hardness, and to my taste entirely free from the aroma of our native species. It resembles in appearance the Chasselas type, and affords another illustration of the progress which has been made in the improvement of the grape in our day."

The late H. E. Hooker, of Rochester, N. Y., wrote of it, "the quality of the fruit and its fine flavor pleased me very much."

John Hoskins, Esq., of Toronto, says of it, "I consider it an excellent grape, has not the slightest taint of 'fox', and is, I think, the earliest grape I have."

Mr. John Blain, of Louth, Lincoln County, says "having fruited the Jessica five or six years I can bear evidence that it is remarkably productive, very hardy, and without a rival in quality, of medium size, and a good keeper."

Mr. James Taylor, of St. Catharines, says, "I have fruited the Jessica two years, have found it hardy, very prolific, and free from mildew or any other disease. I consider it superior to most of the new varieties, and know of no better white grape."

These are the opinions expressed by those who have some knowledge of this new variety. What the result of more extended trial in a great variety of soils,

different exposures and yet colder latitudes will be, can only be told after some years. In the mean while those who may give it a trial are requested to give the results of their experiment to the readers of this magazine. If our readers all over the province would only give each other the benefit of their experience through the columns of the *Canadian Horticulturist* we would soon arrive at the value of any given fruit in any and every part of Ontario.

Mr. A. A. Wright, of Renfrew, Director of our Association for the second district makes this appeal, which the editor most heartily indorses. "If the *Canadian Horticulturist* is to be a grand success—as we all hope it will be—it must rely largely on contributions from our members for variety, freshness, and interesting information. It is permitted to no one man to monopolize all the horticultural or floral information obtainable, but it is scattered through the minds of many. Should each member therefore of our Association furnish but one letter annually to our monthly, how much more interesting might it not be made? Can we not prevail on a good number to try what they can do?" Will not you, gentle reader, contribute something to these pages this year?

#### TAYLOR'S PROLIFIC BLACKBERRY.

It would seem that this variety has not proved to be as hardy in Iowa as the *Snyder*. It produces larger berries, which ripen a few days later, and are described as being long, about the shape of a short ended thimble; sweet, high