

The PRESIDENT.—I had a few berries on a young Marlboro' this spring; but I did not find it anything unusual. I may, however, change my mind as I grow it for a time. I have also seen Mr. Hilborn's seedling, and the fruit, as I have seen it, seems equal in quality to any in cultivation. Those who have had more experience with it speak very highly of it as a productive berry. I think it is an improvement upon most of the black caps in cultivation. Nothing has been said about the Tyler, but Hopkins and Souhegan are so much alike that it is difficult to see any difference.

Mr. BEADLE.—A word about the cultivation of the Turner. It is apt to throw up an abundance of suckers, and they must be treated as weeds.

FRUIT COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The Fruit Committee, composed of Messrs. Govenlock, Beall, Hilborn, Col. McGill and Dr. Sloan, presented the following report:—

That Mr. Saunders, of London, shewed twenty-nine varieties of grapes, as follows: Jessica, quite ripe; Lady and Adirondack, nearly ripe; Martha, Hartford and Delaware, a few days later; Merrimac, Pocklington, Israella, Wilder, Worden, Wyoming Red, Canada, Abyssinia, Brighton, Janesville, Concord, Telegraph, Clinton and Marion, somewhat later, and in different stages of ripeness. The following are seedlings raised by Mr. Saunders: Alpha, white, medium bunch and berry, a hybrid, between Clinton and Buckland's Sweet Water, not yet ripe; Seedling No. 1, black, very small bunch and berry, and compact; hybrid of Seedling No. 1 and Black Hamburg, black, medium bunch and berry; hybrid of Clinton and Muscat Hamburg, bunch very large, long and heavy shouldered, berry medium, colour black, not ripe; hybrid of Seedling No. 1 and August Muscat, bunch and berry medium, very early, past its season, said to have been ripe on the 20th of August; Seedling of Diana, bunch and berry medium, bunch very compact, green; Beta, bunch and berry medium, colour green, not ripe; hybrid of Concord with Delaware, fruit resembles Concord, not quite so large, nicely shouldered, foliage quite distinct, but more like Delaware; Seedling, parentage unknown, berry medium, nicely shouldered, bunch somewhat loose, not yet ripe. Mr. Saunders also shewed a sample of Kieffer pear.

Mr. A. M. Smith, of St. Catharines, shews eight varieties of grapes in a much more advanced stage of ripening. The Jessica is quite ripe, Delaware, Worden, Niagara and Wilder, Brighton, Concord and Rogers No. 9, in various stages of ripeness in the order named. Mr. Smith also shows a few clusters of Niagara grape grown on the Hudson; they, of course, are quite ripe. Mr. Smith also shews a few samples of Kieffer pear.

Robert McIndoo, of Wingham, shows a plate of Hartford not quite ripe. The plate of Hartford shown by John Snell, of Wingham, is nearer ripe.

B. Wilson and W. T. Brockenshire, both of Wingham, each exhibit a plate of grapes unnamed.

J. S. Hiscocks, of Wingham, shows five varieties of seedling plums, none of which has any special merit.

Hugh Smith, of Sarnia, shows twelve varieties of seedling Crab-apples, none of which are superior to many varieties in cultivation.

Dr. Sloan, of Blyth, shows a plate of Primate apple, of good size and quality.

Robert Govenlock, of Seaforth, shows the Capt. Jack strawberry in good condition.

J. A. Morton, of Wingham, shows two varieties of tomatoes, one of which is King Humbert, the other unknown.

Malcolm McDougald, of Lucknow, shows two branches of the Reine Hortense cherry, shewing a fine crop of fine specimens, fruit attached.

Mr. Dempsey placed on the table a few of one of his new hybrid pears of good appearance, but being in an unripe condition, your committee is unable to pronounce on its quality.

There were also two plants of the new strawberry "Jewell" on the table. The plants bore evidence in the roots and leaves of a very healthy constitution. These plants were forwarded to the meeting by the originator, P. M. Augur, of Connecticut, U. S. A.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the committee,

THOS. BEALL, Chairman.

The Association then adjourned to meet again in Stratford, sometime in the winter.

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