

Previous to August 1st, milk was all set for skimming; after that date only one-half was set, and the morning's milk was worked in now.

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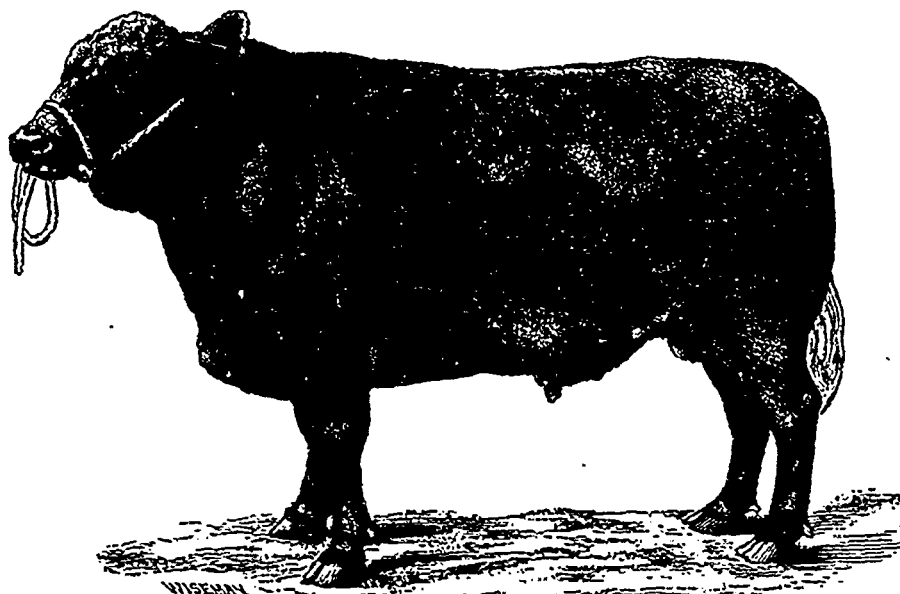
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To R. W. SHEPHERD, JR., *Report Committee Montreal Horticultural Society and Fruit Growers Association of Quebec.*

Dear Sir,—I have long intended to give you those promised "notes" of last season's experience with the new Grapes fruited by me. The most prominent in my mind as possessing special merit for earliness, productiveness, and fine fruit, is the Worden, a plant seedling of Concord brought out by Mr. Worden, of Minetto, New-York. I have fruited it for two years and find it better in many respects than its parent, and much earlier, promising to be as productive and hardy, larger and better in flavour. Planted alongside of Moore's

The Champion, bought of J. S. Stone, of Charlotte, N. Y. the proprietor and introducer of it, and the Beaconsfield, bought of Menzies and Gallagher, of Point Claire, prove identical in every respect.

Mr. Arnold's black grapes, crosses of Clinton with Black St. Peter, and Black Hamburg, Brant, Canada, and Othello, were allowed to overbear. Those I had on exhibition were small and not matured, their flavour is not developed till after frost. Brant, the earliest, may be worthy of culture with us, as it is excellent for table or wine. To conclude the black grapes Mr. Burr's new-Kans-as grape, "Early Victor," deserves notice. Prof. Husmann, of Missouri, advised me to try it, and the vines showed great vigor. It has been placed in the market this fall and has the endorsement of prominent grape authorities as the earliest grape known, and the best of its class, the Labrusca. As to Red Grapes the Brighton is early, hardy, vigorous, and good. Lindley, No. 9 of Rogers' Hybrids, is a favorite with me, a rampant grower, splendid bunch and berry, has to be restricted in bearing. Agawam



Polled Angus Steer.—Champion prize at Smithfield Club, 1882.

Early I can see but little difference in its time of ripening. Telegraph, though not a very new variety, claims I think, more attention than has been given it, is as large in berry as the preceding, ripens early, and has a very compact and handsome cluster. Black-Eagle, one of the late Dr. Underhill's productions, gives much promise for favorable localities in this Province, ripens about with Concord, a little later perhaps, and is a grape of superior flavour. Barnett, No. 19 of our friend Dempsey's hybrids, ripens earlier than the latter and when fully ripe, or a little past, it has a fine flavour, and the berry is very large. I consider it a Canadian triumph. Whitehall was sent me, in request for early new grapes, by Mr. Campbell, of Ohio, who is pronounced the best western Authority on this fruit:—medium sized berry, ripening very early, and it may on further acquaintance be found very desirable, as the flavour is good. Belvedere from same quarter is a little later, very productive, in some respects resembling Creveling, no better. As the Talman was said to be "confused" with the Champion, I, from curiosity, obtained it from its original state, Ohio, and if not true to name, Mr. Campbell is responsible. Alongside of Champion, and the so called Beaconsfield, I found it several days later and better in quality, keeping in eatable condition long after these varieties were worthless.

another favorite, for its aromatic flavour, has but one fault, imperfect bunches. Salem is very desirable and, particularly, as a long keeper.

Northern Muscadine is the earliest red grape I have, and does not drop from the bunch as in some localities. In white grapes, Lady, the earliest, bore for the first time, though planted three years, and was satisfactory except a slight tendency to crack. Eva, one of Mr. Miller's successes, promises well, is vigorous, and superior in quality to Martha, its parent, and I believe will succeed generally in the Province; ripens with Delaware. Elvira is a strong grower, healthy foliage; Martha, though springing from Concord, when young makes a slow growth, of the two latter I will defer an opinion until after another year's trial. Antuchon, Arnold's No. 5, Clinton crossed with Golden Chasselas, small berry, but a long tapering bunch, fine quality, the foliage of this and all Mr. Arnold's hybrids the Thrip shows a preference for. Allen's Hybrid, so fine with me last year, was reduced in size beyond recognition by the ravages of this destructive insect. Mr. Caywood's Duchess, and Mr. Rickett's, Lady Washington, both made a strong growth and the foliage was very healthy. These and the Prentis, may appear in my exhibit next year.

Professor Husmann's last work on grape growing should