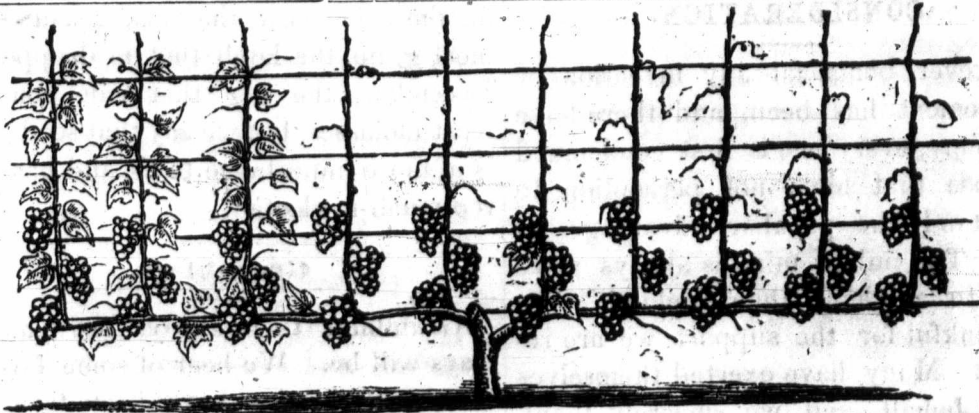


THE VINE.

Last fall we supplied several of our readers with grape vines, and told them that we would give them instructions about them, as many that saw the vines growing on our house, did not previously believe that grapes would come to perfection unprotected at such a distance from the lake. We believe that every farmer in Canada may have grapes without any protection to the vines, and we wish every one of our readers to plant one. There are several varieties, some much more hardy than others, and each having peculiar advantages. The kind that we know from personal experience to be the hardiest, and the best adapted to all parts of our Dominion, is the Clinton. The fruit is small, black in color, and tart in flavor. It is considered one of the best wine grapes. Is one of the most prolific, the hardiest, and will stand more exposure than any other variety we know of. We have gathered grapes off our vine from September till Christmas day. There are many varieties of a larger size, and better flavored, and where people intend to take care and protect them, we should recommend the Concord Hartford Prolific. The Delaware, is highly spoken of by all gardeners. We have raised none of the fruit of that variety as yet. The fruit is small, of a flesh-like color, in fact to appearance it is the meanest looking grape we ever saw, but for flavor it is not easily surpassed. It is early and productive. The Adirondac, is now considered one of the earliest, and best varieties. We have not yet seen the fruit of it, or at least not noticed it. You may perhaps hear some praise one kind, some another. Those that intend planting vineyards, would do well to consult with parties that have had experience with them. Our business is farming, and to the farmers we say, take one of the varieties that we name, if you have not one already, send and get one and plant this Spring, it is not yet too late. We have some that are kept back, and will do to ship per express, or some of the smallest we could send by mail. If you order one by mail, send 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. more than the advertised price for postage.

We now give the representation of a young vine. We think we gave you instructions about cutting those we supplied in the Autumn. You see the cross marks in this engraving. Cut your vines back this year, as shown by the representation. Leave two main leading shoots growing straight up, tie them to a stick. Next Spring take the two leading shoots, and lay them along as the engraving at the head of the page fully represents.



Train the vines against a house, a fence, a shed, or on slats or wires as above represented. Two of them would make a very nice looking approach to your house; you can train them to arch over the walk, or form a nice summer house; or cover your milk house or kitchen window; under any situation where the sun will shine on them. If you plant by a house, take care that the water from the eaves of the house does not drop on them. This is sufficient for you at the present. We intend talking to you about them some other time. If you have not, do not neglect for one day in sending for one or more. You can have them sent by return of mail, or by express.

Agricultural Affairs of this Dominion.

We have written much against some persons and bodies of men, and for the Agricultural population of this Dominion. We have used our power for the general advancement of the agricultural interest of this Province. We are personally acquainted with most of the men of influence and power in this Dominion. We have condemned the old Agricultural Board, and have brought forward plans for our general good. Some of our remarks may have been of a sweeping character, but it devolves on us to take the stigma we have thrown out from the shoulders of some that bear it. J. P. Wheeler, of Scarborough, T. Stoke of Waterdown, F. Stone of Guelph, and others we might mention have acted as Presidents, and we do not wish any blame to be attached to them, for without doubt their best wishes has been for the prosperity of the country. L. C. Denison of Dover Court, Toronto, has for a long time acted as Treasurer of the Provincial Agricultural Association, and as we are somewhat acquainted with that gentleman we consider it would be difficult to find a more suitable person in the Dominion to fill that office. We also have the Hon. John Carling, the present Minister of Agriculture—a man of honor and one that wishes well to the prosperity of the country. He has appointed two gentleman of obliging manners to act as his assistants, and we are in hopes they will both fill their positions with honor to themselves and to the country. We are aware that the

acts of men are often influenced by the power of others. We might particularize, and could show some startling revelations in regard to it, still we consider it advisable to withhold, and allow some other writer to gainsay or condemn anything we have written in regard to agriculture. We say that greater attention is needed in the seed department. We have up to the present time offered the columns of our paper to any one that might choose to condemn our acts. We have received one anonymous letter full of sarcasm, but such cowardly effusions are unworthy of notice. A person afraid to let his name be known to the editor, could not expect to be noticed.

The Surprise oats we dared not say anything about in our last number, as we had applied for a supply from Mr. Vanolindia, but this year the demand was such that we could not procure them from him this season. He appointed us to act as his agent in Canada for the next season. We always prefer procuring our stock from head quarters, but could not do so this year. However we have succeeded in procuring half a bushel of them from another person but at a most incredible cost, having written a dozen times to various places in the States, and paying heavy costs of carriage, &c. Few would imagine what they really cost us. We will sow the half of them ourselves, the other half we put up in small packages, and send them post paid to any address at 62 $\frac{1}{2}$ cts. per pint.

We much regret that our supply of the Norway Oats did not arrive until the 16th of April, and then not near the quantity we ordered, not sufficient for the demand. However we will now divide and supply to the best of our ability.

THE EARLY ROSE POTATOES which are now considered the best variety and are selling at \$3 per lb. We have but just succeeded in getting a few of them, and will send three cuttings to any Post Office in Canada prepaid for 50 cents.

We had but a small supply of the Emporium Oats, and our stock soon became exhausted.

We have succeeded in procuring a few choice vines. Send at once and procure one or more.