

REPORT ON TREES RECEIVED, 1875 TO 1880, INCLUSIVE.



IN accordance with a request on page 63, current number of the CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST, I subjoin a report on the trees received by me from the Fruit Growers' Association of Ontario, for the years mentioned, viz. :

1875.—Swazie Pomme Gris apple. The tree is alive yet : I get a few apples from it every year. It is not sufficiently hardy, and cannot be recommended for cultivation in this district. An unprofitable variety.

1876.—Glass plum. Tree quite hardy, moderately productive, and fruit of attractive appearance, which, although only second-rate in quality, commands first price in market. Can be profitably grown.

1877.—Goodale pear. The tree lived several years, but never bore fruit. Judging by this specimen, it is not suitable for cultivation here.

1878.—Burnet grape vine. A remarkably vigorous grower, and quite hardy but ripens its fruit too late. The fruit when ripe is, perhaps, the highest flavored out-door grape grown in Ontario. It ripened thoroughly last year, and but fairly well two or three seasons previously. It is, therefore, too late for profitable cultivation. Those who cultivate grapes for their own use only, would do well to have a few vines.

1879.—Ontario apple. This tree was diseased when received. It bore a few apples the second year, and has borne fruit more or less every year since. Last year it produced a large crop and grew more healthy wood than for the past five or six years. Young trees of this variety are doing very well, and scions grafted on Talman Sweet and on Tetofsky have made wonderful growth for several years, and are bearing well. This variety is at its best, and is most attractive in appearance, at about this season of the year. The color of the skin is now a bright golden yellow, shaded and overlaid to the extent of about one-half with the most brilliant carmine. It is, probably, one of the best of apples in quality, and certainly the most profitable winter apple, grown in Central Ontario.

1880.—Saunders' New Hybrid raspberry. Was quite hardy ; very prolific, and excellent in quality, but the peculiar color of the fruit made it entirely unsalable. Its cultivation, therefore, had to be abandoned.

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POULTRY IN THE GARDEN.—Early in the season, the most useful birds in a garden are young turkeys and young chickens, the former far the most useful. Set the turkey eggs under a hen, and when they are hatched, remove the hen in a coop to the garden, and feed her well. The turkeys will have the range of the beds, and will destroy insects rapidly. Later in the season, grown up chickens will do little harm by scratching.—*Hort. Times.*