

liquid manure twice a week along three or four of the principal vines of each hill, often six pails to the hill if it is in a dry time. Great care must be taken to give plenty of water ; for instance, in 1893 when I grew the great specimen that was the largest on exhibition at the World's Fair, it was a dry time with us at Goderich, and having the advantage of the town water service, I sprayed each hill twice a week through August and the first two weeks in September,

drenching the ground each time.

I expect all have heard of feeding squash and pumpkin by injecting milk or other stuff. This is a ridiculous silly humbug. I have practiced several methods along this line when I was younger, but it only makes me ashamed to confess it, and I am now quite satisfied the only thing that will increase the size of the fruit comes out of the vine, and the vine must get its support from the natural roots."

THE EXPORT OF CANADIAN GRAPES.

THE overproduction of fruit in Ontario is most evident in fruits not exportable. For apples and pears of a No. 1 quality there seems to be an unlimited demand in Europe, and we are confident that if our best varieties of grapes could be landed in first-class condition, and once introduced among the middle classes, they too would find an unlimited sale. As it now is, our own markets are glutted with them, and unless the Northwest opens up a large trade in them, we shall soon have to dig out one half our vineyards.

Realizing this condition of affairs, the Dominion Minister of Agriculture has tried for two years experimental shipments of grapes, without success ; for it has been found that the English people will not take our Concords, and no more of that class will be sent forward. We are however hopeful that our Rogers' grapes may meet with more favor, and our Executive Committee has submitted the following resolution to the various local societies for en-

dorsation, so that the Minister of Agriculture may be assured of the support of the public in his further efforts to open up English markets to our tender fruits.

To the Honorable Minister of Agriculture :

Whereas, the grape is one of the most important fruit products in Canada, and very large acreages are devoted to its production, and

Whereas, of late years the yield has been so abundant that our home markets are glutted, and the price too low to leave any profit to the grower, and

Whereas, certain varieties of Canadian grapes have superior flavor and excellent carrying qualities, as, for example, the Rogers' Hybrids, and

Whereas we are persuaded that English consumers need only to become acquainted with the excellence of such grapes to become fond of them,

Therefore, Resolved, that we humbly pray that you will export in large quantities our best Rogers' grapes to the best English markets ; that they be put up in neat and attractive packages, and sent out in costermonger carts in such a city as Manchester, until the trade reaches a firm basis.

Already we are receiving official notices from the various local societies, saying that they fully endorse the above resolution.