

THE CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST.

THE CHARLTON GRAPE has been awarded the Wilder medal at the recent meeting of the American Pomological Society. Chairman F. M. Hexamer of the native fruit committee of the American Pomological Society, reported as follows on the Charlton grape at the Philadelphia meeting of the society: "A cross between the Brighton and Mills, raised by John Charlton, Rochester, N.Y. The original vine has fruited the last six years, and its fruit seems to increase each season. The berries are globular in shape, and medium to large in size, moderately compact, and sometimes shouldered; color red, similar to Catawba, quality best, flesh tender and melting, juicy, sweet and vinous, separating readily from the seeds of which there are but few. Skin thin, but firm enough to ensure good keeping and shipping quality. Season early, showing color before Concord, but the fruit is in eating condition before it is fully colored. The vine is a strong, healthy grower and prolific bearer."

TEN THOUSAND ACRES OF LAND of Manitou Island, Lake Michigan, was purchased by a Chicago fruit firm, with the intention of planting it to one great apple orchard. The plan has been abandoned, owing probably to the decline of apple values, and the property will be converted into a summer resort.

THE NATIONAL APPLE SHIPPERS ASSOCIATION complains loudly against the custom in the large English markets of allowing the buyer to return fruit once bought in the auction room. It seems the purchaser has thirty hours after the sale in which to accept or reject his purchase, and very often goods are returned for some show of a reason that they are not as represented

and such goods must of course be then sold at a sacrifice. The calculation is that the sale in the auction should be final, as is customary in other lines.

THE WINTER MEETING of the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association is to be held in the Music Hall at Whitby, Ont., on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 5th and 6th of December. Prof. J. W. Robertson will speak on "*The Commerce in Large Fruits*," a most important topic for Ontario Fruit Growers to consider at the present time.

All the prominent fruit men are expected to be present. Representatives will be on hand from the Central Experimental Farm and from the O.A.C., Guelph.

Mr. A. W. Campbell, of the Dept. of Agriculture, will give an address on Good Roads and Cold Storage for Fruit Growers. Mr. E. C. Beman, one of the best pear growers in Ontario, will speak on Varieties of Pears for the Home Markets. Mr. Lick, Mr. J. E. Farewell, Q. C., Dr. Waugh, and Dr. Hare will give address. Music will be furnished by the Ontario Ladies' College. These are but a few of the good things before us. We hope for a large and enthusiastic meeting.

THE AMERICAN PARK AND OUT DOOR ASSOCIATION will hold a meeting of its officers and of others interested in its work at Chicago, on the 4th of Nov. The Secretary, Mr. W. H. Manning, may be addressed at the Auditorium, Annex Hotel, during and before the meeting.

This Association is an important one and should have the encouragement and support of all those interested in landscape improvements.

FORMATION OF NEW LOCAL SOCIETIES.—This is the month to consider