

GRAPES.

The past season was one of the most favorable for the thorough ripening of this fruit which has occurred within a decade. Fungous diseases were not severe, and were easily controlled with Bordeaux mixture. At the Central Canada Exhibition, held during the last week of September, 142 varieties were shown, of which number seventy-five were well ripened.

FARRELL: A white grape, mentioned in the report of the Association last year, produced in abundance enormous bunches of fruit upon vines planted three years ago. The berries, which I said were small last year, were much larger this season, and while the fruit did not reach perfect maturity, yet it gave assurance of good quality. It should be tested in our best grape growing districts.

BRILLIANT: Of T. V. Munson, a cross from Delaware and Lindley, is a promising red variety for home use. It does not seem sufficiently vigorous or productive for market. But our vines are yet young.

PEABODY: A seedling of Clinton, raised by J. H. Ricketts, is by no means a new variety, but is mentioned here with a view of dilating on its good points.

(1) It has borne heavily and has not been affected by mildew, though to a slight extent by anthracnose.

(2) The fruit ripens every year at Ottawa, and the berry holds well to the bunch.

(3) Bunch large, well shouldered; berries medium size, black oval; quality first-class, combining a sprightly acid with a rich vinous flavor. After eating fruit of Niagara or of the Rogers varieties, a bunch of Peabody is positively refreshing.

SECRETARY: Produced by J. H. Ricketts, Newburgh, N. Y., by crossing Clinton with Muscat-Hamburg. This variety yielded remarkably fine bunches the past season.

Bunch and berry medium size, the latter oval; skin moderately thick; pulp very meaty and of an exceedingly pleasant acid. Seeds small, two or three in each berry. On account of its meaty character of flesh, it keeps well. This variety combines in a remarkable manner in both vine and fruit, the good qualities of the European and American grapes. It is not likely to become commercial. It ripens with the Delaware.

MILLS: Might be classed with it.

RASPBERRIES.

As a market berry nothing better among reds than Cuthbert has yet appeared. Gladstone, Superlative, and Beaconsfield of the *Rubus Idaeus* or European class have fruited, but do not appear promising, and will no doubt remain in the amateur list on account of lack of productiveness.

Of black caps, Older, mentioned last year, easily retained first place, both for productiveness and quality. The plant is also more easily kept in form than other members of this division.

STRAWBERRIES.

One hundred and ten varieties were tested this year. The following varieties gave the largest yields, and are named in order of productiveness: Crescent, Beverly, Jas. Vick, Warfield, Stayman's No. 1, Van Deman, Williams, New Dominion, Beder Wood, Haverland, Parker Earle, Bubach. Each variety consisted of a row sixty feet long. The highest yield was 40 boxes and the lowest 24, of the varieties mentioned.

TIMBRELL: Gave promise of productiveness. It is early, of fair quality and moderately firm, but its very dark colour is against it as a market berry. The plant seems quite vigorous.

ENGLISH GOOSEBERRIES.

In closing this hasty review of the newer fruits, I would like to call attention to a class of small fruits not new, but unfortunately frequently overlooked. I refer to the

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