

The ideal red grape, however, has not yet been produced. What we need is a red Concord, and a rich reward awaits the originator of such a variety.

In closing, Mr. Barry named the following six varieties as those which had given the best results in his vineyard for market purposes : Lady, Niagara, Barry, Concord, Worden and Gaertner.

Mr. T. S. Hubbard reported concerning grapes in Chautauqua Co., from which he stated there had been no less than forty-eight million pounds shipped during the past year, and these had sold at an average price of two cents per pound, bringing back to the county, for its grape crop alone, over \$1,000,000. He stated that the crop was a very heavy one, many large vineyards of Concords averaging over five tons to the acre, and some Niagara vineyards yielding seven tons per acre ; while one plot of less than two-thirds of an acre of Niagaras produced over six tons of fruit.

Our readers should beware, however, of running away with the idea that such enormous yields are at all the average crop. It is the exceptionally large yields that we hear so much about, while the reports of failures and small crops are usually kept in the background.

PEARS.—Mr. Cook, of Genesee Co., spoke in high terms of the Beurre Clairgeau pear, which is very prolific and adapted to a great variety of soils, the fruit was uniform in size, attractive in appearance, and, though not the best in flavor, regarded by many to be a very profitable market variety.

Duchess was highly spoken of by Hon. Eli Taylor. He stated that he had realized \$1,000 from the product of two and a half acres. On the other hand, Mr. Babcock, of Niagara Co., stated that it was a general failure, even the best cultivated orchards being no exception to this rule.

The Keiffer pear was highly commended for its productiveness. Mr. Babcock, of Lockport, stated that from 220 Keiffer trees Messrs. Moodie & Sons has marketed 630 bushels in one season, and this was the fourth crop off trees seven years grafted. Mr. Bronson, of Ontario Co., also commended the Keiffer as one that never failed to produce a large crop and sell readily.

PLUMS.—Mr. Cook, of Genesee Co., had very favorable experience in growing the German Prune. He states that he has found an increasing demand for this variety, and believes its cultivation will become a most important industry.

The Grand Duke was mentioned as a very large new plum, and a variety which would soon become one of the staple orchard varieties. The greatest demand is for a kind that is either very early or very late, and the Grand Duke is a very late sort, ripening between the 10th and 20th of October. Ten-pound baskets of this plum have sold as high as \$1.50 per basket.

The Field is a fine purple plum, ten days earlier than the Bradshaw, and very valuable. Trees, two years planted, were mentioned as being heavily laden with fruit, showing it to be both an early and an abundant bearer.

The Prince of Wales, ripening about the beginning of September, is a round, reddish plum of medium size ; the tree is very hardy and a great bearer.