

THE GRAPE CROP.

In this County of Durham grapes have been a failure this year. They, up to the blossoming time, gave great promise, but a heavy frost then did great damage.

In my own garden, which is sheltered by a belt of evergreen trees, the Delaware, Early Victor and Lady were well loaded with fruit, but the two former did not fully ripen, and the latter only fairly so, although all were bagged and allowed to remain on the vines until the 18th October.

On a Lady vine planted three years ago, I had sixty bunches of grapes, weighing from one-half to one pound. Last year this vine had ten, and the fruit resembled that of the Niagara in color and bunch, but not quite so good a flavor. It ripens earlier than either the Delaware or Early Victor. The vine is a strong

grower, with a large thick leaf and compact bunch. It is very free from the thrip or mildew, which this season has been very troublesome here on both the Clinton and Delaware. I am so pleased with the Lady that I wish to recommend it for trial wherever the Delaware will ripen.

Three years ago I ordered six new varieties of vines from a nursery near Toronto, only two of which when fruited turned out true to name, and three of them a red variety which drops its berries before they are ripe. It is simply dishonest to substitute such without permission, for special sorts ordered for trial. I hear complaints from my neighbors of substitution also in their orders and threats of publishing the name of nurserymen doing so if again repeated.—J. SMART.

CONCERNING SOME APPLES WORTH KNOWING ABOUT.

A PAPER BY THE LATE ROBERT BURNET.

THE WINTER ST. LAWRENCE.

THIS is a good variety, and enjoys the reputation of several advantageous characteristics. The tree is perfectly hardy, even in severe winters, and in tolerably high latitudes. Indeed, for northern Ontario we scarcely know a more eligible apple for orchard cultivation. It bears well, is admirably adapted for transportation, will carry long distances without detriment. We would like to see this variety exten-

sively tried, and, after suitable trial, largely cultivated. The worthy Editor of the *HORTICULTURIST* might profitably give insertion to a paragraph that it is worthy of a thorough trial in all locations in Ontario.

THE CANADA BALDWIN.

We have made careful trial of the qualities of this superb apple. A number of years ago I gave an order for a number of barrels from a Montreal house, to be shipped to the Lower Provinces. They turned out