

required. After the blooming season in June, it is well to cut back the summer growth again in order to encourage late growth of wood and thus produce flowers later in the season. If the rose bushes are thus kept freely cut back our correspondent will not have much difficulty in protecting them during the winter. He can easily pile straw or leaves about them to protect them from the cold, if such protection is necessary. In the Southern parts of our Province the H. P. Roses are perfectly hardy without winter protection.

#### Fruit Markets.

1186. SIR,—How is the grape crop with you? I hear that in Essex it is poor, but I have never had better prospects than this year. Is there any paper published containing reliable fruit markets, with hints as to the prospective prices? The Toronto papers do not give these in much detail. Of course you in the fruit centers know what the fruit is worth, but people like myself, living away from the fruit centers, have to do a good deal of guess work. I would like some advice as to reliable consignees for my fruit.

Listowel, Ont.

A. J. COLLINS.

The prospect for grapes is fairly good in the grape growing sections of Ontario,

and so far this season prices have been quite satisfactory, ranging from 1½c. to 2½c. per lb., and even considerably higher at the beginning of the season. We would refer our correspondent to the Montreal "Trade Bulletin" as a very useful paper on the fruit markets of that city, which is one of the best centers for large consignments. In this paper there will also be found the names of several commission merchants, but we would not presume to take it upon ourselves to advise our correspondent as to which of them he ought to choose.

#### Grimes' Golden.

1187. SIR,—Why did you give up growing Grime's Golden apple in Ontario? I have a lot that I intend planting in spring. Is there anything wrong with it?

Vernon, B. C.

R. T. F.

The Grimes' Golden is a good apple for the home garden, but lacks in two important points to be worthy of a place in the commercial orchard; (1) it is too small, which of late years is more and more considered by buyers, and (2) it lacks the color which attracts foreign buyers to our apples.

## Open Letters.

#### Spirea "Anthony Waterer."

SIR,—In the description given by Prof. McCoun, he states "Origin, Europe; height 1 foot." The height given by him will mislead many, who do not know the shrub when planting it out, because it will grow to the height of six feet and over. I have one I planted in the spring of 1897. It was about 15 inches when I planted it. It is now five feet high and about ten feet in circumference. Ellwanger & Barry say "height from 5 to 8 feet." It is a lovely shrub and should be in every garden. Give it room and it then forms a perfect bush. As soon as the first blossoms are over they should be cut off with a pair of shears; if left on they give the bush a ragged appearance. It will then flower more or less till the end of October. Plant it where it is shaded during mid-day, because if exposed to the sun all day the flowers quickly lose their bright color.

South London.

CHAS. JAS. FOX.

#### Floriculture at Hamilton.

SIR,—In your last issue Mr. R. Cameron, of Niagara Falls, asks: "Is the Love for Flowers Diminishing in Hamilton." In reply I will answer. No sir, and I am perfectly satisfied that Mr. Cameron would say "No sir," if he would see our market during the week or on a Saturday. Of course, no one could help but notice the slim attendance at our recent flower show, but the reason is simply this, we have a flower show in our market three times every week, and the writer knows hundreds who visit the market for nothing else but to see the beautiful display of some of the best flowers that are grown. And of course, it is but natural to think that no one will pay to see a flower show when a most beautiful display is made on our market days. When our nurseries vie with each other, who can make the best display. The directors of the Hamilton Horticultural Society might take the hint and use the money now expended for flower shows for some other purpose. Flower