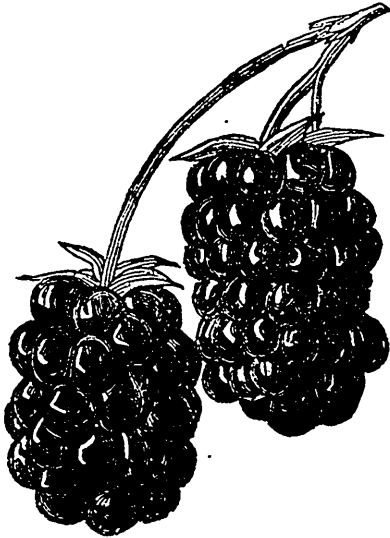


If adapted to our climate, its wonderful long keeping quality would certainly commend it to our Canadian growers; for if when grown in Delaware, it will, as claimed, keep in excellent condition until July or August, what might be expected of it when grown in the Province of Ontario?

THE LUCRETIA DEWBERRY.

A mistaken notion seems to have gone abroad concerning the object of



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the plant distribution by our Association, viz., that it is merely an ordinary premium with the *Canadian Horticulturist*. The object, on the other hand, is the speedy and faithful testing of new or highly commended fruits in various sections of Canada, in order that the public may be thoroughly posted concerning the most reliable fruits adapted to the various localities of our Province, and not be left to the mercy of every travelling agent in deciding upon his purchases.

For the attaining of this end, we shall call, from time to time, upon our

readers for reports concerning fruits sent out, and the replies may be sent in on post cards.

In the spring of 1886, the *Lucretia Dewberry* was sent out, and as it may in some cases be bearing its first fruit this month, or earlier if under favorable conditions, we would ask for reports concerning its growth, fruitfulness, hardiness, &c. Mr. J. H. Hale says, in the *Nebraska Horticulturist*, that he has visited the original plantations in Ohio, and found there large fields in fruiting. They are placed in rows eight or ten feet apart, with plants four or five feet apart in the row, forming a thick matted row or bed four or five feet wide. They throw up fruit spurs a foot or more high, which are laden with fruit as large as the Lawton blackberry, without its hard, ugly core, and of a most delicious spicy flavour. It ripens with the Gregg raspberry, a most favourable time for marketing it. He considers it as hardy as the Taylor, and as productive as the Snyder. Perhaps the question is premature, but we shall be glad to hear what our readers have to say of it.

OUR MEETING AT COLLINGWOOD.

THE OFFICERS and other members of our Association who attended the summer meeting were most kindly received by the Collingwood Horticultural Society, of which Dr. Stevens is the President and Mr. Jas. Gilfoyle the Secretary. This Society is amalgamated with the Township Agricultural Society, and together they hold a large annual Show, known as the Great Northern Exhibition. The quality and size of the apples, plums and pears shown at this Fair have already been noticed in this Journal; suffice it to say they surprise visitors from the more southern portions of Ontario who think that they alone know how to