

and fifteen feet or more long were common. The great productiveness of the vine, and the size and beauty of the bunches and berries, were conspicuous qualities. The leaves are thick, distinctly lobed, and hang long on the vines. The bunches often measure six inches long; they are compact, uniform and handsome, and the berries are three-fourths of an inch in diameter, light greenish-yellow, the fruit ripening about as early as the Hartford, but continuing longer, and they are much superior in quality to the Concord. We had occasion to observe that different judges rated the quality variously, some making it equal to, or better than the Rebecca; but we could not place it so high. It appears to be intermediate between the Hartford and Concord on one hand, and the Croton and Duchess on the other. But the vigor, productiveness and healthiness of the vine, the size and beauty of the fruit, and the facility with which it may be shipped, present an unusual combination of valuable qualities for market. A part of Mr. Hoag's vines were set in 1879, and now, in their second season of growth, were bearing well. Those which were two years older had heavy crops. In the vineyard of B. W. Clark a one-year green-wood plant had been set in 1878, and bore 25 clusters the following year, weighing 19 lbs., and this year we found 57 bunches on it. One of the canes measured nine-sixteenths of an inch in diameter, and was 18 feet long. The Niagara vines are not offered for sale, but the grape belongs to a company, who plant it exclusively for vineyards, and have now twenty acres in different stages of growth. This variety was originated by C. L. Hoag from a cross of the Concord and Cassady, and it is wholly a native.

The Lady grape was in fine bearing at B. W. Clark's; is about as early as the Niagara, and was pronounced by all who tasted the two not quite equal in quality to the Niagara, which it resembles in the external appearance of the berries on smaller bunches.

**MOORE'S EARLY.**—Mr. Hoag has a large number of vines of Moore's Early, which we found much better in quality than the specimens we had seen at exhibitions. It is superior to the Hartford, and about ten days earlier. This year it ripened about the middle of August.

### PLUM CROP AT OWEN SOUND.

Mr. Vice-President Roy writes:—

Our crop this year is simply enormous. No wonder that plum trees are short lived, they do so overbear on clay loam impregnated with lime. I have a fine lot of the Glass Seedling; will send some. I find a great many of all varieties rotting on the tree this year. McLaughlin is laden to the ground. I am told by dealers that upwards of two thousand bushels sometimes arrive at Owen Sound in one day. Our market is Chicago, by boat. Apple crop large. Pears far below an average. Grapes are a very large crop. Raspberries were very fine. Strawberries rather poor. All this northern country has been favored with large crops. Fall wheat all that could be desired in quantity and quality. I was at Toronto lately, and found the crops from Owen Sound to Orangeville better than I ever saw them before.