

REPORT ON FRUIT TREES, &c.

Appin, Feb. 5th, 1882.

As it seems to be the general practice to give a short history of the trees and plants received by the members of the Fruit Growers' Association, I will do so. The pear trees are doing well, excepting the *Beurre Clairgeau*; Clapp's Favorite blossomed nicely last spring, but bore no fruit; *Beurre d'Anjou* has fruited twice; *Flemish Beauty* is growing nicely. My apple trees are growing nicely; *Grimes Golden* has not fruited as yet. My *Burnet* grape vine makes but poor growth as yet; my other vines are all dead long ago. My *Hales* peach was dry and withered up when it came to hand, being taken up as I believe in the fall of the year before it was sent out, and never started into growth at all. My *Blackberry* never came to anything, nor the *Raspberry* either. The last *Raspberry* has made a good growth since planted. My *Gooseberry* bush never started into growth in the spring. Planting small fruits in the fall should be avoided. All nursery trees and plants should be dug up with more care than is generally bestowed on them. In taking up in the nursery, all the fibrous roots are as a general rule left in the ground and only the stock sent out. I would prefer a smaller tree or plant, provided it had a good root left to the tree. This is a serious fault with many nurserymen. My *Hydrangea Paniculata* grew well in the first part of the season; it put out buds for flowers, but the dry weather prevented it from flowering, and in September its leaves dried up. I do not know if it is dead or not. Mr. Lotan's tree has done well; his *Raspberry* is doing nicely; his potatoes have turned out well. I have given a brief resume since my last report. My *Glass* seedling plum has not fruited yet; the blossoms have dropped off; this tree is a very free grower; if the

fruit can compare with the growth of the tree it will be a great acquisition to the plum orchard. I am glad that the Directors allow of a choice; it is in the right direction.

The *Horticulturist* is getting to be a very useful pamphlet to me. I begin to look for it regularly every month with its discussions and notices of fruits, besides its being so handy a reference book, with its index to the yearly volume. It is worth more than the whole cost to have the opinion of those who are in a position to know the merits or the demerits of those new trees, fruits, &c., peddled around through the country by unscrupulous men. If there were more copies of the *Horticulturist* taken by the farmers around here there would not be such big shaves got from them for new fruit trees at enormous prices.

Yours truly, JOHN MCINTYRE.

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Blind River, Dec. 17, 1881.

My *Wealthy Apple* which came to me from the Association has done well, although it was about two weeks on the way in the mail bags before I got it, and I give thanks for the good condition it was packed in so as to stand the long mail transit. We have had a good year for wild fruits. *Cranberries*, blue berries, raspberries and strawberries were all very plentiful this year, which has been of great benefit to the new settler of this out of the way part of the world. We also have had good crops of all kinds of grain and roots. Corn has done well, and I tried a few rows of the *Early Amber* sugar cane, which was planted too late—the second of June—and grew nine feet high and looked well, but was killed with frost the middle of September; but we had plenty of tomatoes, pumpkins, and squash, which matured well. I planted