

Soon after the Exhibition, Committee meetings were held. The strong and weak points of each new grape were duly weighed and noted for future reference, and their propagation discussed. It may be said that the grapes grown by Mr. Bailey at Plattsburg are no fair guide to us who live fifty miles nearer the North Pole, but a careful comparing of five varieties grown by ourselves with the same varieties grown by him, showed that this last season his grapes were no earlier in maturity than those grown upon the exposed slopes of Mount Yamaska. This was of course exceptional, and was partly owing to season, and, in part, to culture; for proper care and culture greatly hasten the ripening of a grape.

On the other hand, we must say that, though Massasoit and Lindley were sweet and perfumed with their fine Muscat flavor, yet there was more pulp and acid at the core than would have been had September been warmer. So, too, with Crevelling; it was sweet and good, but its aromatic flavor was somewhat diluted.

DELAWARE was sweet and nice, but less *prononcé* in that delicate flavor, which, to many, is suggestive of the fragrance of the sweet pea, and which makes all lovers of good grapes so mad in its praises.

Some years ago, Adirondac and Black Hamburg, both in good condition, were placed for opinion, with names withheld, before several of our residents at Abbottsford. The thinness of skin, and luscious, pulpless fleshiness of the hot-house grape were duly noted; the thicker skin and juciness, rather than meatiness, of the out-door were also noted; so, too, on the other hand, its freedom from pulp, and that fine combination of rich mingled flavor in the Adirondac which gave it the preference in the minds of many.

The Adirondac of the past season, though good and highly thought of, did not reach this standard of excellence. Yet, so it is with other fruits. The strawberry and the raspberry lose flavor after a shower of rain. Some varieties of the apple and the pear, unless they have a certain amount of heat at the time of ripening, are colorless and insipid. The grape above all other fruits needs heat. On the exposed slopes of Yamaska Mountain, our Septem-