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THE JEFFERSON GRAPE.

Such is the excellence of this grape that we hailed its introduction with more than usual satisfaction. The fruit that it was our privilege to test was not only very pleasant to the eye, but also delicious to the taste; the flesh, while somewhat meaty, was tender and juicy, with a rich, aromatic and slightly vinous flavor. The fruit possessed also the very desirable quality of maintaining its freshness for a long time after being gathered. The vines also are healthy and very vigorous, and the leaves thick and downy, and as it was reported to ripen with, or very soon after the Concord, it was expected that the Jefferson would be a very desirable acquisition.

The object specially in view in thus calling attention so prominently to this grape, is to obtain from our readers their experience with it thus far, and to request them to note carefully its performance this season, and to communicate their observations to the *Canadian Horticulturist* for the benefit of others. We are entertaining some fears lest this excellent grape shall be found to ripen too late for any but the warmest sections of Ontario, and are desirous of laying before our readers all

the information that can be obtained with regard to its adaptation to our climate. It is disappointing to plant an otherwise very desirable fruit if it turns out at last that our summer season is too short or too cool to admit of its ripening perfectly. If, on the contrary, experiment shall have demonstrated that the Jefferson will thrive and bring its grapes to perfection in any considerable part of Ontario, those who desire to plant choice fruits of the finest quality, will be greatly gratified to know the fact.

Fortunately, we have some excellent grapes that do ripen sufficiently early to be planted with confidence over a very large part of Ontario. The *Early Victor* is one of these. It is a chance seedling, having no known parentage, that has been cultivated and disseminated by Mr. John Burr, of Leavenworth, Kansas. We have found the vine to be perfectly hardy here, healthy, vigorous, and very productive. The bunches and berries greatly resemble the Clinton in size and color. The flesh of the grapes is slightly pulpy, has a most agreeable slightly vinous flavor, without the least trace of foxiness whatever. The fruit ripens a