

bearer, and in beauty excelled by no other peach, the Crawfords themselves not excepted; being rich golden yellow, with carmine cheek. The fruit is of good form, as shown in the engraving, of regular shape, and, unlike other late, yellow peaches, is not excessively fuzzy. The flesh is exceptionally firm, deep yellow and bright red at the stone rendering it especially valuable for canning and evaporating.

A peculiarity of the variety is its inherent vigor, the foliage being very abundant, large, of exceedingly deep, almost black green, and remains on the trees until the ground has frozen and long after the leaves have fallen from all other varieties—J. T. LOVETT, Little Silver, N. J.

### Kerosene Emulsion—Spraying Plums etc.

SIR,—You will have to pardon me for being so long in getting that formula from Professor Cook, but I have just received his reply, and it is as follows:—One quart of soft-soap, two quarts of water, one pint of kerosene oil; heat and stir till permanently mixed, and then add water until the proportion of kerosene shall be one to fifteen. Put on with a fine spray. This you will remember is for the aphid on plants or trees.

He says that he don't understand why Prof. Saunders should have found so much difference in the strength of London purple. He has always found it satisfactory, much more so than Paris green.

In relation to the curculio, he says that it does eat and gets poisoned, but it would be time thrown away to put it on before blooming.—L. B. RICE, Port Huron, Mich.

### Fruit at Brussels.

SIR,—Your card came duly to hand, and also the six copies of the December number of THE HORTICULTURIST, for which accept our thanks.

Enclosed I forward to you three renewal subscriptions.

The season has been unusually severe on fruit growing. The winter's hard frost, and the heat, with dry weather in the summer, were against good crops of small fruit. But one thing much in favor was the open or free state of the soil peculiar to the last season.

We tried winter protection for our raspberries, and it proved quite a success. We laid the bushes down and covered some with earth, and others with manure, using some sods to keep the bushes down. They turned out finely and lively in the spring, and bore a fair crop of fruit; while some that we left standing were dead down to near the ground, and bore hardly any fruit.

Our strawberries were a middling crop, but good in quality; very few gooseberries, but good; currants were a fair crop and good;

there were very few grapes, the vines grew well in the latter part of the season; cherries were a small crop; plums, hardly any; while apples were abundant.

The past season has taught us the need of winter protection, with good cultivation, in order to fruitfulness.

Hoping you will succeed in your good work, and that we may be favored with a good season.—SAMUEL FEAR, Brussels, Ont.

### Fruit Trees for Simcoe County.

SIR,—I am very pleased with the improvements you have made. I have just sent an order for apple trees and I consider that the information I have received from THE HORTICULTURIST was worth many dollars to me in drawing up that order. I send you a list of fruit trees that do best in this locality so far as tested, which may be of use to others in low-lying, cold sections:

APPLES—Astracan Red, Duchess of Oldenburg, Alexander, Ben Davis, A. G. Russet, Talman Sweet. All the above list have proven healthy and hardy. The Wealthy has not been fully tested.

PLUMS—Lombard, Yellow Egg, and Common Blue, none of which have proven to be hardy.

PEARS—The Flemish Beauty is the only pear that will do anything here, and it is not entirely hardy.

CHERRIES—I believe this is a good district for cherries; the Early Richmond and Common Red thrive splendidly, and very little black-knot.

GRAPES—The Clinton and Delaware do well. Concord rarely ripens here. The Delaware is by far the best grape to grow in this region; it has never failed to ripen with me and the quality is so good. All small fruits do well. The interest in horticulture is gradually increasing, and I look forward to the time when there will be a good orchard and garden on every farm. We have a fine country, and I have no doubt, through the noble work of the Fruit Growers' Association, every locality in Ontario will find varieties of trees that will be healthy and productive.—FRED. FOYSTON, Minesing, Co. of Simcoe.

### Fay and Industry.

FAY'S currant is very fine and a good bearer. I find the Industry gooseberry all that one could wish in a dark berry; splendid to eat off the bush when ripe.—W. S. SHORT, 722 York Street, London, Ont.

### The Jessie Strawberry.

SIR,—Although only two of the three Jessie Strawberry plants received last spring survived, yet from these two I now have one hundred and forty-four well rooted plants! Can any of your subscribers beat this?—JOHN KILLAM, North Kingston, N. S.