

Bordeaux mixture has proved very effective in controlling this disease. It must be borne in mind that this remedy is preventive, not curative. It should be applied thoroughly in the spring, just as the new leaves start and again when most of the blossoms have fallen. The strength recommended is 4-4-40. Young plants, too, are often greatly benefited by two or more applications of Bordeaux during the growing season.

Mulching.

Complete success in strawberry growing cannot be attained in Nova Scotia unless the patch is well mulched. Mulch is necessary both as a winter protection from freezing and thawing and also as a summer protection from drought.

The best materials for this purpose are rushes, straw and coarse hay in the order named. The mulch should be applied at the rate of not less than three tons to the acre, as soon as the ground is frozen sufficiently to bear a team. Great loss frequently results from neglect of this caution.

In the spring, when the plants show signs of growth, part of this covering should be raked between the rows. A slight covering that the plants can push their way through is of great benefit in times of drought.

Varieties.

In the choice of varieties, the soil, the climate and the market must be considered. Varieties that under certain conditions have proved profitable may under changed conditions prove worthless. The beginner should be guided in his choice more by the advice of growers in his vicinity than by catalogues. If his land is early, he may find it profitable to plant some of the early varieties, Warfield, Beder Wood, Senator Dunlap. On the other hand if his land is late, he may find it more profitable to plant some of the later varieties, Sample, William Belt, Commonwealth or Brandywine.

The writer has found the Senator Dunlap a very profitable berry. It is among the earliest and best. It is vigorous and a great yielder. It produces large berries and does not blight badly. It has perfect blossoms.

Profits.

In estimating the profits from growing an acre of strawberries, as given below, it has been assumed that at least