

checks blushed the rather from native modesty than from conscious inferiority to their purple and tawny neighbors grown under cloudier skies, and for solidity of flesh, richness of flavor and general culinary utility, many housekeepers in the City of Winnipeg will bear testimony to the fact that not a few of them are up to the standard and superior to most of the British Columbia, Washington, Oregon and California fruit, whose tooth-pierced or heat-burst, inflated skins only give forth insipid drinks of perfumed water.

Properly planted plums will succeed in almost any kind of good soil in rows say 10 ft. to 12 ft. apart, 6 ft. to 8 ft. in the row, alternating the different varieties for the purpose of supplying pollen to infertile kinds. They should be kept clear of weeds and grass for some distance about their roots, and in their early life hoed crops should be grown between the trees, but not too close to them. Trees after coming to bearing, whose fruit is found not desirable, may be grafted with the better kinds, and so in a few years the orchard can be made a profitable one. When once established in bearing, a good mulch annually of fresh barn yard or chip manure will be all that is necessary to keep up the fertility of the soil and check the weeds.

Broken or bruised limbs, as a rule, are all that is necessary to be removed by way of pruning, and this should be done either late in the fall with grafting wax covering of cut portion, or early in the spring before the buds begin to swell. Low-branched trees, say two or three feet from the ground, seem to succeed best; and where there is a danger of heavily laden large limbs splitting from the trunk, a good sized nail, bolt or stout prop will usually tide over the difficulty. The Curculio, so far as my experience goes, is unknown. Plum Aphis some seasons puts in full work denuding the trees of leaves and stopping expansion of fruit. For the prevention of this, as soon as the leaves are about half grown, and before they begin to curl, kerosene emulsion is recommended. This is made as follows: Place one pint of kero-