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✧ Notes and Comments. ✧

WHITESMITH GOOSEBERRIES came to hand from Mr. Thos. Beall, Lindsay, July 26th. They were exceedingly fine, the largest we have seen. Mr. Beall writes, "These three dozen weigh 17.62 ounces avoirdupois, averaging almost half an ounce each (0.49 oz.) A few of them we weigh considerably more than half an ounce each."

PRUNING RASPBERRIES is usually delayed until leisure time in winter or spring; but if time permits, we would advise cutting out the old wood soon after fruiting season, in order to give the young shoots the better chance of development. We do not any longer shorten back the young canes in their growing season, because that tends to cause them to waste their strength, growing laterals instead of fruit buds. It is time enough to shorten back in

the spring, cutting off simply the weak tops, and leaving just as many good plump fruit buds as the cane seems strong enough to bear. This advice applies, of course, only to red raspberries. The black cap varieties should be summer pruned to encourage laterals at an early age.

Columbia and Shaffer raspberries seem very similar, with some advantage in favor of the former.

The Loudon promises to be one of the best of the newer red raspberries, both in vigor, hardiness, and size of fruit.

INTERESTING PLANTS AT RENNIE'S.—A few hours were profitably spent at Mr. Rennie's trial grounds, at Swansea, Toronto, recently. The situation is delightful, and the grounds kept in good trim by Mr. McLay, the gardener, who