

In a year or two you can buy dozens of these fancy, much advertised things for less than one of them costs now.

When you hear of a strawberry which you think will be an acquisition to your locality, buy half-a-dozen and test them; make the ground rich, deep and fine, setting the plants four feet apart, giving them good cultivation; keeping the surface loose during the season, and with care, you can make from these five or six hundred plants; and the next year they will fruit. You can then tell whether to set out more or not. It is not best to increase the plantation largely until after at least three years' trial.

If you wish to try a new cap raspberry, get two or three plants in the fall, set in good soil and cover with straw. Remove the straw the following spring, and when the plant is a foot high, nip off the top. Nip all the branches at about eight inches. Keep it in until August, then let it go. As the end of each branch touches the

ground, cover it with two or three inches of earth. Each plant thus treated will furnish from twenty to thirty plants. If set in the spring, they will not give so many plants.

To increase the red raspberry, it is best to plant in the fall also. It is needful also to have ground rich and mellow around the canes; and if the season be dry, mulch heavy with straw. In the fall, when the leaves are off, take up the entire plant, being careful to get all the root. Cut the root into pieces about an inch long, and place them an inch apart in a box of fine soil; bury in the ground so they will not freeze. In spring take them up carefully, plant them where you wish them to grow, and, with care, nine out of ten will make good plants that season. Blackberries, currants and gooseberries, can be rapidly increased the same way.

In my next paper, I will speak of strawberries, old and new, as tested here at Granton.

## SOME PROMINENT CANADIAN HORTICULTURISTS.—II.

GEORGE LESLIE, SENR., TORONTO, ONT.

THE subject of this sketch is the second son of the late William Leslie and Catharine, eldest daughter of Jas. Beatty, and sister of the late Rev. Jno. Beatty, of Cobourg. He was born in the Parish of Rogart, Sutherlandshire, Scotland, in the year 1804. At the age of 16 he went to Tarlogie, Ross-shire, and served an apprenticeship of three years in the gardening profession. He then, under the same proprietor, took charge of the garden, hedges, etc., at Arrabella, where he remained two years. On the 1st day of April, 1825, being his 21st birthday, he with his parents and six brothers and a sister set sail for America, and after a passage of

six weeks landed at Quebec. He immediately obtained employment. In the October following he came to Little York, now Toronto. At that time there were only five brick stores on King Street, all situated east of the market, viz, Baldwin's, Allan's, Proudfoot's, Stegman's and Lesslie & Sons'. He at once went to Streetsville, whither his father had preceeded him, and chopped in the bush all winter. In the spring he returned to Little York and entered the service of the late Hon. George Crookshanks, Commissary-General. He remained with him one season, and then for several years acted in the capacity of gardener and florist for the late Hon.