

by Mr. Miller, the well known grower of small fruit. The report was in the following terms:—

The culture of small fruit is not carried on to any great extent in this vicinity, and to the west of this place very few are grown, except for the small, local markets. About three-quarters of the entire quantity shipped from this station were grown on my own farm. Quite a number of persons who started in the business have abandoned it, yet there are a few who are succeeding fairly well. Farmers find that the time necessary to keep small fruits properly cultivated and protected from insects cannot be spared from their general farm crops, hence one or the other has to be neglected to their own great loss. The sight of neglected strawberry plots, patches of currants and gooseberries denuded of all their foliage by the currant worm, all point to the conclusion that, as a business, the culture of small fruits is tending in the direction of specialists who make it their sole business, and are equipped with all the appliances for carrying it on successfully.

The past season was specially favourable to the small fruit grower, and when good results were not obtained the preceding winter was probably largely at fault. We began shipping strawberries 12 days earlier than ever before. Our crop was good, and in spite of the abundant supply in the markets, prices were quite satisfactory.

Gooseberries were only a little more than half an ordinary crop, and prices were low both here and in the States. As this berry is chiefly used for canning purposes, we are of the opinion that the market will only take a limited supply.

Currants, unfortunately, come in with Raspberries, and get but little attention while the latter last. Our crop was good and of fine quality. We shall continue to cultivate them in spite of low prices, as we consider them among our best and most healthful fruits, and sooner or later they must be appreciated.

Raspberries and Strawberries are, without doubt, the two popular small fruits in our markets, and the ones in which the grower at present finds the most money. The Cuthbert raspberry leads all kinds I have tried. This season they yielded at the rate of 5,000 quarts per acre and mostly sold for 14c. per quart. This yield I consider exceptionally good. During the fall I made a tour through the New England States. I saw many small fruit men and some of