

poleon Bigarreau, Tradescant's Black Heart Hortense, and Late Duke. These were all good sorts, and would keep up a good succession. He had noticed that the Governor Wood Cherry, when grown on the Canada Wild Plums, as a stock, ripened its fruit five or six days earlier than when grown on the Common Magyard Cherry stock.

Mr. Lowry remarked that he had been in the habit of working the finer varieties of cherry on the common Kentish Cherry.

Mr. Morse had never tried the Reine Hostense, and would therefore substitute for that variety in Mr. Freed's list the Coe's Transparent. It is a fine cherry, better flavoured on high land, and ripens earlier than when grown on low lands.

Mr. L. Woodverton named the following as keeping up a good succession, namely—Governor Wood, Rockport Bigarreau, Knight's Early black, Elton, Black Tartarian, Belle de Choisy, Napoleon Bigarreau, Black Eagle, and Elkhorn.

Mr. Barnes stated that he had a variety which ripens three weeks after any other cherry; is tart, and excellent for canning.

Mr. Saunders and Mr. Mills thought that the lists proposed were excellent, and made no suggestion.

Mr. Rykert thought the following four old varieties were the best, namely, American Heart, Elkhorn, Mayduke, and Black Tartarian.

Mr. Lowry thought there were not enough acid cherries, mentioned in the lists given. He esteemed the Mayduke among the first of cherries, and though the Kentish for canning and all cooking purposes was one of the best that is grown.

The discussion having terminated, the Report of the Committee on Seedling Fruits was read and accepted. It is as follows:—

Cherries—No. 1, a seedling from Mr. Jas. Dougall Windsor, medium size, jet black, flesh tender luscious, very good.

Seedling No. 2, from Mr. James Dougall, large, dark, clouded red, firm flesh, not high flavoured.

A seedling cherry from Mr. Hatt, large, lively red, fine flavour, closely resembles the Mayduke in its best state.

Seedling cherry, from Mr. Freed, glossy black, large, juicy, good flavour, promising sort, called "Steven's black heart."

Seedling cherry from Mr. Freed medium or less pale red, semi-transparent, slightly bitter, pleasant flavour.

Seedling gooseberry from Mr. Hart, Paris, large oblong, smooth, yellow, said to be free from mildew, promising sort.

The Association adjourned, to meet again at Goderich at the call of the President. The meeting at Goderich will be held in the autumn, at a day to be named hereafter, and of which due notice will be given.

AMONG THE STRAWBERRIES.

The present season has been a very trying one upon strawberries in the vicinity of New York city. We had several late frosts, which did considerable damage to the early flowering sorts, and these were

succeeded by a severe drought which, in some localities, annihilated the entire crop. The unfavourableness of the season should be taken into consideration in estimating the value of sorts, and this we have done in the following notes upon a few of the old and new varieties in our grounds. They are all growing in the same kind of soil and in one plot. Each variety is planted in a separate bed, with three rows in each; therefore, the conditions under which they are placed are the same.

Agriculturist.—Not more than one-third of a crop, and the berries small.

Jucunda.—This is a complete failure; but this is no new feature, for in our grounds it has never been worth cultivating.

Hovey.—Two years since we procured some genuine plants, direct from Boston, of this old and once very popular sort, for the purpose of comparison with some of the newer varieties. We have a fair show of fruit, but must confess that it is not quite up to the modern standard of excellence.

Kentucky.—This was sent out as a very late sort, which was to prolong our strawberry season at least two weeks; but it is on time, and fully up to time with many of our old favourites. It is, however, a very promising variety. The berries are large, conical, bright deep scarlet, and the flesh firm. It is very productive, and we think will make an excellent berry for market as well as home use. Its quality is very much the same as the old Jersey Scarlet; therefore may be called good.

Michigan.—We confess to be a little disappointed with this new variety. The plant is a vigorous grower; leaves large, deep, glossy green; the fruit abundant; but only of medium size, rather soft, and not first-rate in quality.

Boyd's No. 30.—A complete failure this season. The plants bloomed splendidly, but they bear no fruit. Why, we cannot tell.

Green Prolific.—A heavy crop of handsome fruit, although the bed is within eight feet of the Boyd's No. 30, and the plants in each are equally vigorous and healthy. In productiveness the Green Prolific will rank with the Wilson. The fruit is of much lighter and better colour, but not quite so firm.

Lenning's White.—A fine show of flowers, but very little fruit. This, however, is its general character in favourable seasons.

Napoleon III.—Far better and more productive than we have ever known it before. The drought seems to have improved its bearing qualities wonderfully. The brilliant light scarlet colour of the berries, and their large size, are certainly attractive qualities, but the shape is indescribable, being a kind of a cross between a coxcomb and a club-footed cabbage.

Birnes' Mammoth.—Scarcely any fruit, and what there is, is not very good or large.

Nicanor.—Early, small and abundant.

Triomphe de Grand.—A fair crop, and berries of good size. The most reliable and valuable foreign sort ever imported.

President Wilder.—A new and very handsome sort, but from present indications will be too soft for market, and we fear not of first-rate flavour. It resembles the Hovey, and we should think it a seedling therefrom, without cross fertilization.

Wilson.—This is the ever reliable among straw-