

miles north of Toronto, in 1881. First noticed the berry as a seedling, and were so favorably impressed that we picked the plants of that kind, and when we moved to Watford we brought a few with us and continued to increase them, and have tested them and found them perfectly hardy. All callers praise them and say they are nicer than others previously handed to them. They are preferred in the market to anything we have. It is preferable to Crescent in hardness and flavor. The plant is a vigorous upright grower, and the dark, glossy green foliage covers the fruit well from the sun. It is a perfect blossom and a good fertilizer for Crescent. We use no other. Fruit is very firm, perfect in form, inclined to be wedge-shape sometimes; color, deep crimson, pretty much same to centre when fully ripe. It is of a pleasant rich flavor, and about size of Crescent. It is a good shipper, firmer than Crescent, and a favorite with consumers. It is a few days later than Crescent.—O. F. BIRCHARD, *Kingscourt, Ont.*

Big Berries.

SIR,—MR. W. S. TURNER, of the Cornwall Manufacturing Co., is probably the most successful amateur gardener in Cornwall, having the faculty of taking an enormous quantity of stuff off a limited space, which after all, is the measure of a gardener's ability. Mr. Turner has paid a good deal of attention to strawberries, and his crop this year is something out of the common. He favored us on Monday with a basket which was well filled with twenty berries, several of which measured over six inches in circumference. They are of the Jessie variety, which, with the Bubach, Mr. Turner considers the best variety he has struck yet. They are even larger than the Sharpless, and of a better shape, while the flavor is rich and luscious. We would advise anybody who has a strawberry patch to try Jessie. She's a daisy.

To the above I would call particular attention as also to another case I will cite giving evidence the most conclusive, that it is the thoroughly cultivated ground only, be the extent large or small, that pays.

Referring readers to Mr. Turner's excellent letter on Amateur Gardening, in the July number of the *HORTICULTURIST*, which I have read at the Farmers' Institute meeting at Cornwall, and feel safe in saying it was the best paper on Horticultural matters laid before the meeting, and none met with a more favorable reception. I think because it was short, but not too short to give all the information the writer meant to convey.

Read his letter again, friends, in it you'll find *multum in parvo*, and I think you will agree with me that I am giving Mr. Turner no more than his due.—JOHN CROIL, *Aultsville.*

Robson's Seedling Plum.

To the Secretary F. G. A., of Ontario:

DEAR SIR,—Knowing how deeply you are interested in any horticultural novelty, I trust you will pardon me for venturing to enlist your attention by describing a seedling plum which I have growing in my garden, and which by sheer accident I discovered it possessed the property of transforming itself into a soft, flexible and delicious prune perfectly cured, and will keep the year round without the least sign of becoming hard or dry.

The way I discovered it was by simply leaving this plum in a closet in my tool-house with many others, to make an assortment for our Fall show last year, and having more of this kind than was wanted the balance was left in a small wooden tray all the winter. On opening the closet this spring I was much surprised to find this plum in a perfect state of preservation, very inviting in appearance, and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Beall pronounced it excellent in taste.

Some of my horticultural friends think it must be valuable, to dry without sun or fire heat.

I would have sent you a specimen, but, having only two left, and they being in a mutilated state by opening them, to show the pit and flesh to many parties. I should be much pleased to have your opinion (or that of any of your numerous subscribers) respecting this—to me and many others a novelty in Canadian plums.—Yours truly, W. M. ROBSON, *Lindsay.*

A Correction.

SIR,—A typographical error in my letter, in the July number of the *HORTICULTURIST*, respecting the Larue apple, causes the name of an old family in this section to appear as Snell. I should be Buell. The error is not of any great consequence, but as some of your readers might wish to communicate with the present owners of the property where the Larue apple originated, it is just as well to correct it.—J. J. BELL, *Brockville, July, 1889.*

Fruit Prospects at Orillia.

THE frost destroyed our grape blossoms, with early tomatoes and beans, but was just too late to hurt the apples, which are as yet quite too thick on the trees. There is a second crop of grape blossoms which cannot ripen. Wild plums are a full crop, which has not been for years. Plenty of gooseberries, tame and wild. Wild strawberries, irregular; garden ones, rather late. Pears numerous on the few bearing trees. A good season for newly planted trees and grafts.—J. CUPPAGE.

The Jessie.

SIR,—Of the three plants, Jessie Strawberry, I received from you in the spring of '88