

have been small and worthless. A few bushes have had larger sized fruit, and when these can be propagated or produced in quantities a fairly good cherry will be available for distribution and cultivation in the Territories.

With apples the failure was complete.

At present several varieties of *Pyrus* or Wild Crab of Siberia are promising. They stand the climate, and by cross-fertilization with improved, hardy Crabs, may prove very desirable for the Northwest.

Grapes have also proved a complete failure. Even the native Manitoba grape found along the banks of the Red river and elsewhere, though existing from year to year, has failed to produce fruit.

Currants are the most satisfactory fruit grown in the Territories. The abundant crop usually produced, and the slight risk of failure of crop from any cause whatever, makes this fruit by far the best for general cultivation. Red, white and black currants are equally hardy.

Such varieties as Fay's Prolific, Baby Castle, Red Grape, Cherry, La Varseilles, Victoria, White Grape, Black Naples, Lee's Prolific and Champion, together with many newer varieties, have produced fruit year after year on the Experimental farm without the loss of a bush from climatic conditions, and very seldom with anything but a good crop. Last year, frost at the end of May killed the black currant blossoms, causing the first loss of crop in eleven years.

Fay's Prolific and Cherry are not heavy bearers, but Baby Castle, Red and White grape and the three named black varieties are all prolific yielders.

Plenty of space is required to obtain the best results from currants. At least five feet each way between bushes should be allowed, and where possible, protection should be afforded by means of a hedge or fence. Winds are not beneficial to currants any more than to other varieties of fruit.