

➤ Question Drawer. ✦

Heater for Greenhouse.

1020.—Can you give me the address of the Hitchings & Co., who manufacture the Domestic Water Heater, recommended by the man who wrote the description of the amateur's greenhouse on p. 20 No. 1., Vol. xix. of the Canadian Horticulturist? If you cannot, can you tell me where to get a heater that would heat a thousand (1,000) feet air space—the temperature falling sometimes as low as 40°. If you will answer this through your valuable Journal, I shall be very much obliged.

Yours sincerely,
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Hitching's Domestic Water Heater is made by Hitching's & Co., 233 Mercer St., New York. It will probably answer as well as any for the purpose named.

There is also, I believe, a small sized Daisy heater, made at Toronto, but without more data I cannot tell the size that will be required as it depends upon the area of exposed glass rather than the cubic air space. The radiation required will be about the one half the glass area.

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Small Fruits at Gravenhurst.

1021. SIR,—Strawberries have borne a splendid crop, one-third of an acre yielding 930 quarts, averaging 6½ cents each, with a very rapid sale. Indeed, I was not able to supply the demand. Currants are good; red and white ones bring 7½ cents, and black 12½. The only trouble is that there are not enough home-grown fruits, for these are so much fresher than those brought from a distance.

Could you recommend a good late variety of strawberry, and also a good early kind. We have Jessie, Crescent, Logan and Wilson, and would like new kinds bearing large berries.

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Reply by Prof. H. L. Hutt, Agricultural College, Guelph, Ont.

Such reports are encouraging, and quite different from those received from many of the older fruit sections, where the supply is far in excess of the demand, and the cost of transportation eats up

all the profits when it is sent to a distant market. Where it can be obtained there is no market like the home market for the small and soft fruits. At anything like the prices mentioned there is money in growing small fruits, and the northern growers who first go into it in a business-like way to supply this home demand, will have a little Klondike of their own.

The varieties of strawberries you mention have never made any great records for themselves here, or at least we have had many other varieties which have far excelled them. As one of our leading early varieties I would mention Van Deman. Sadie, a new variety, beat it this year, but for an average of three years Van Deman heads the list for earliness. Warfield comes in a few days later, and usually holds out much longer. It ranks eighth for total yield among 220 varieties fruited this year, and averages second among 85 varieties grown for three years. Saunders, Tennessee, Prolific, Haverland and Clyde, are all heavy-yielding, excellent, midseason varieties. The latter stands second on the list this year for total yield, and has certainly proved itself worthy of all the high compliments paid to it. Stone's Early heads the list this year, and also for an average of three years as the most productive berry, but as it so seriously lacks size and firmness we cannot recommend it. Edgar Queen has also made a great record for itself. For total yield it ranks third among the 220 varieties grown this year, and averages third among the 85 varieties grown for three years, and it heads the list this year and for an average of three years for the largest late yield. Its worst fault is a lack of firmness, which might also be said of Dominion, another heavy-yielding, late variety, which in most respects is superior to Edgar Queen.