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The experience of another season with some of the more recently introduced varieties will not be without interest to all cultivators of the strawberry, and may prove useful to those who contemplate planting, especially those who intend to plant for market. The season just closed has on the whole been favorable to this fruit, especially in those sections of the country that escaped late frosts. The month of June was cool, with frequent showers and much cloudy weather, so that the fruit ripened up gradually and swelled to its full size. Reports from the City of New York say that never has there been such an abundance of strawberries, that the business has been enormous, and the supply fully equal to the demand for consumption in that large city and for shipping to other places, some having been sent in refrigerators to the West Indies. It is thought by some that the time is near at hand when they will be sent in this way across the Atlantic. As a matter of course prices ruled low during the height of the season, and growers did not always get well paid for the labor of production.

It would seem that the Wilson yet maintains its position as the great market strawberry of this country. With all its imperfections, its dark color, acidity, and the like, it seems as yet to be the mainstay of all who grow for market; and so extensively has it been planted, that when the crop of Wilsons is being harvested the markets are literally deluged with its berries, and prices rule low. In Toronto they were retailing at seven cents per basket during part of the season, and were sold in the St. Catharines market as low as four cents. From this, one would infer that those who grow for market might profitably turn their attention to those varieties which ripen either before or after the Wilson, and so secure a better price by avoiding the period when the great rush of the Wilson comes in. Besides this, the public are fond of variety, and those who are able to gratify their taste will