

R. B. Werden, St. Catharines.—The Fastloff is an excellent bearer, and sells best in a near market; the Clarke comes next, though I do not like it as well as I do the Franconia. The soil should be stirred frequently and not very deep.

W. H. Reed, Port Dalhousie.—I find the Black Caps subject to borers and tree crickets. Read's Hybrid is a fine near market sort; it will command two cents per quart more than any other in this market; it is hardy and productive.

Chas. Arnold, Paris.—We do not seem to have made any progress in the quality of our raspberries during the past twenty years, but we have raised some that are more hardy, and therefore better suited to our climate. I am not fond of the Black Caps. It does not pay to grow raspberries for market in Paris. Brinckle's Orange is too tender; the Diadem is good in quality and hardy; the Clarke is good. The best shipping raspberry is my Number Seven, it is large. The Saunders' raspberry has given very poor satisfaction; the Philadelphia gives large crops. In point of flavour, the Diadem is one of the best.

P. C. Dempsey, Albany.—The Black Caps succeed well with us, and are more profitable than the red. Some are partial to the Doolittle. The Philadelphia is the most productive of all the raspberries.

Col. John McGill, Oshawa.—The Philadelphia is the most prolific of the red varieties, and most profitable by two to one.

E. Morden, Drummondville.—The Philadelphia is in raspberries what the Wilson is among strawberries.

The Committee appointed to examine the fruits on exhibition, brought in the following report:—

#### REPORT OF FRUIT COMMITTEE

ST. CATHARINES, July 10th, 1878.

Your Committee beg to report that they find fruit exhibited as follows:—

Geo. Leslie and Son, Toronto Nurseries, show Franconia, Brinckle's Orange and Kirtland raspberries; Golden Lion, Sulphur Yellow and Downing gooseberries; and Napoleon Bigarreau cherries.

Mr. Chas. Scott, Melville Mills, shows a seedling gooseberry of good size, resembling the Whitesmith, of considerable promise. Mr. Scott states that the bush is hardy, productive and has been free from mildew for ten years.

Mr. W. H. Read, of Port Dalhousie, shows Brinckle's Orange and a Red Hybrid raspberry; and twenty varieties of seedling gooseberries, mostly of the English type, all of which, Mr. Read states, have proved with him perfectly free from mildew on a sandy-loam soil. One of these varieties, of large size, he names the "Gem," and another the "Gibraltar," also the Golden Ball, "Hiawatha" and Minnehaha, all extra fine berries, of largest size. As none of the berries are ripe, we can say nothing of quality, but look upon these berries as an advance in the growing of this *fine* fruit, and very encouraging to the production of new varieties and the more extended cultivation of this fruit; he also shows two kinds of gooseberries, with a large strain of native blood, and they are fully double the size of the Downing, of much the same colour, and extremely productive. This we can say, as the berries are shown upon the branch. We think they would prove very valuable for general cultivation.

Mr. A. M. Smith, Grimsby, shows two kinds of seedling Black Cap raspberries, also Mammoth Cluster, Ganargna and Golden Thornless Cap raspberries. As for the seedlings, we notice no distinguishing characteristics. Mr. Smith also shows an interesting collection of seven varieties of raspberries, as follows:—Brandywine, Naomi, Clarke, Herstine, Highland Hardy, Philadelphia, Diadem.

Mr. Moyer, of Jordan Station, places on exhibition the following established varieties, all of very creditable production, viz.:—Red Victoria and Red Cherry currants; Amazon, Highland Hardy, Philadelphia and Clarke raspberries; Mammoth Cluster and Doolittle raspberries; and Black Naples currants, this latter of great excellence.

W. H. Read shows a remarkably large cane of blackberry, a Hybrid, between the Lawton and the Boston High Bush, larger and more prolific than either parent.