

young fruit. The Herstine I cut down. I also grow number 53, sent out by the Fruit-Growers' Association. I believe our President was the originator. It is hardy, and covered with a large quantity of fruit. We find the fruit very tart, and it is splendid for canning purposes, although a little on the small side.

The PRESIDENT.—It requires good manuring.

Dr. BLACK (of Uxbridge).—There is no doubt that this neighbourhood is well adapted to the growing of berries.

Mr. PEARCE (of Uxbridge).—I have had some little experience in the growing of berries. We grow the Philadelphia, but we find them unprofitable to pack, on account of the berry being shallow, and inferior in quality. We have also grown the Turner, which is hardy, productive and good. It is a little soft; but a cousin of mine takes it to Toronto market, and finds the business profitable. I have also tried the Cuthbert, which is productive and fine; but it is scarcely hardy enough to stand our winters. The Mammoth Cluster is doing nicely. We have planted the Herstine and Doolittle; but so far we have found the Turner the best.

Mr. KINSEY (of Uxbridge).—I find, in an exposed place that the Mammoth Cluster is not hardy. It kills right off with me. I find with others, however, that it stands. The Kittatinny I do not succeed with, and the Clarke was not hardy. In a sheltered position it might answer, but it does not do well with me. I intend to change the location of the Mammoth Cluster.

The PRESIDENT.—It is a very unusual thing for the Mammoth Cluster to be injured by the cold.

Mr. HILBORN (of Arkona).—I think that in blacks the Tyler is perhaps the best and hardiest of the early varieties, and the Mammoth Cluster would come next. I do not know anything better among the blacks. The Tyler is hardier than the Mammoth Cluster. The Souhegan, which blooms a day or two after the Tyler, is very much the same; in fact in the fruit I see no difference. The Gregg is a little tender, and a number of us have been surprised to hear that the Clarke is not doing well in this neighbourhood, as they were in first-class condition with me, at least. You must test to see what will suit. In the purples, Shaffer's Colossal is the best. It is a purple in colour, being a cross between the red and black. The bush is the strongest grower of any that is grown, and it is very productive and bears its fruit on for a long season. It continues very late. It has a good crop and is quite a nice fruit. For canning purposes I know of none to equal it, and for marketing it bears a sort of dull red or brown colour which spoils its looks, but not its flavour. It is darker than the Philadelphia, and does not take on the market. For red berries I think the Turner is perfectly hardy, and where they will not stand there is no use trying any other. It is a little soft for shipping, but the flavour is good. The Delaware is too tender. The Herstine is quite hardy and of good medium size, but lacking quality. The Niagara is not hardy enough for me. It is about the size of the Cuthbert, and not as good in colour. The Cuthbert has suffered with me this year, and has been cut down one-half.

Mr. JOHN LITTLE (of Fish Creek).—I can corroborate what Mr. Hilborn has said about the hardness and durability of the Tyler, Souhegan, and also of the Hopkins. The two former, especially, were alive to the top, and the Hopkins was injured very slightly. The rust seems to be coming on the Souhegan, and I do not think it will be reliable. I shall take it away, as anything that shows inferiority with me I do not allow to stay. Shaffer's Colossal would raise cordwood, I think, if thrown on top of it. It is a good grower, and a good berry, and there is no better canner in all the raspberry family. It may have that fault that it is a little dark in the colour, but like some of ourselves, we are not all favoured alike in that respect. Bebee's Golden I fruited last year, and while it is good to take from the bush and eat, if it is canned or preserved, you might as well chew a stick. The Reeder is not grown extensively in Canada, but is very fine and hardy. The Parnell, of which I expected so much, has died. The Mount Clair is fine both in fruit and plant, and stood the winter remarkably well. The next that I got from a gentleman in New York was the Meredith Queen. It takes the palm for the most beautiful fruit that I have ever grown, and I have grown most of those that have ever been named in my day. The originator sold those plants for \$5 a dozen this spring. It was alive to