

## A. M. PURDY'S OPINION OF SOME OF THE NEWER STRAWBERRIES.

In the July number of the *Fruit Recorder* Mr. Purdy gives a list of several varieties of strawberries, to which he appends the results of his experience. We shall not give the whole of his list, but select some of the most prominent, and those most likely to interest cultivators in Canada.

CRESCENT SEEDLING ripens as early as any ; average size equal to the Wilson, and like it in shape of berry ; color lighter scarlet, and flavor better, *as picked for market*, than the Wilson. It is very productive, holds out to the last, and should take the place of Metcalf, Downer, Nunan, Nicanor, Philadelphia, French, Duchess, Cinderella and Early Adelia.

CAPT. JACK is similar to Wilson, but a richer berry ; very productive, but needs rich soil.

PROUTY, one of Mr. Purdy's favorites when grown on rich soil. The berry is long, varying from oblong to conical ; ripens with the Capt. Jack ; is immensely productive, of good size, and very uniform, and one of the best selling sorts to the last.

TRIUMPH DE GAND is too shy a bearer on his grounds to pay, so he discards it from his list of profitable market sorts.

WINDSOR CHIEF, he says, is the most uniform large berry on his grounds. He places it at the head of the list on his grounds, as the best and most profitable market and family berry. The fruit is almost round, averaging from an inch to an inch and a quarter in diameter, and holds out well. The flavor is good, the color orange scarlet, and it carries well to market. Having this he thinks one has no need of Green Prolific, Chas. Downing, Forest Rose, Monarch of the West, Jucunda, Great American, Star of the West or Black Defiance.

KENTUCKY is too soft, and has too much of a greenish appearance to make it a safe market berry, especially for distant markets.

COL. CHENEY is one of his standard sorts for home market, being wonderfully productive, but requiring to be fertilized with pollen from other sorts to run large and fine to the last.

GLENDALE. He says that for uniform size, productiveness, fine color, hardness, and extreme lateness it has not its equal on his grounds. It will bear carriage to distant markets the best of any strawberry he has.

SHARPLESS, he says, ripens late ; is the largest berry on his grounds, of a sweet, delicious, aromatic flavor, dark scarlet, very solid and juicy, splendid for home use and near markets, and very productive.

For profitable market strawberries he gives the preference to Crescent Seedling, Windsor Chief, Wilson, Col. Cheney, Capt. Jack, Prouty, Sharpless and Glendale, and thinks that any one having these eight sorts may discard all the rest, unless he means to except the