

every year since. The fruit keeps in a good cellar until the 15th of March.

The cherry crop was a failure, the flowers being killed by winter. There has not been a full crop of cherries here since 1898.

There were practically no European plums, but many of the American varieties yielded well. The demand for these plums at Ottawa is at present greater than the supply, and good prices are obtained for them. The number of varieties of American plums under test at the Experimental Farm is now very large and every year additions are made. After this year's experience the varieties considered the most satisfactory are the following in their order of ripening:—Bixby, Cheney, New Ulm, Wolf, Silas Wilson, Stoddard, and Hawkeye. These varieties cover a period of nearly five weeks. Several seedling American plums have been originated here which are very promising, being of large size and of better quality than most of the named varieties which have fruited here.

Last winter raspberries suffered very much in this locality, as a result of which the crop this year was small. A seedling known as Herbert, which was originated several years ago by Mr. R. B. White, of Ottawa, proved much hardier than most of the other varieties tested and there was a good crop of it. It is hoped that this fine variety will soon be offered for sale as it should prove a most desirable acquisition to the kinds now on the market. It is of the largest size, bright red, moderately firm, of good quality and very productive, and its hardiness will make it especially valuable in the colder parts of the country.

The strawberry crop was fairly good here, though the season was much shorter than last year owing to dry weather. A season

like the past brought the bad points of Clyde into prominence. This variety promised a very heavy crop, but owing to the small amount of foliage and the hot weather the fruit was literally "cooked" and little of it was fit for market, while a large proportion of the crop never ripened. The Glen Mary, Buster, Bubach and Williams all did well and are among the best of the varieties tested. It is unfortunate that the Wm. Belt does not succeed better when grown in the ordinary way, as it is of the best quality, but it is not as good a berry as many of the older varieties. The St. Joseph, an over-bearing kind, much advertised in Europe, has not proved a profitable kind to grow here and while an odd berry may be found as late as October there were so few that it is not worth growing for the sake of getting them. Judging from this year, Rough Rider is not as good a berry as many of the older varieties, and the Senator Dunlap did not yield as well as many other kinds.

The potato crop was good here this year, though a light crop is reported in this vicinity. The long continued hot, dry weather checked the growth of the vines very much where proper cultivation was not given, but on the Farm they grew well.

The results of spraying with Bordeaux mixture to prevent blight were more noticeable than usual this year and the crop was much greater where the vines were sprayed than where they were not. The following four varieties produced the largest crop of marketable potatoes:—Burnaby Mammoth, Uncle Sam, Dreers's Standard, and Early White Prize.

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