

❖The Orchard and Fruit Garden.❖

STRAWBERRY EXPERIMENTS AT GUELPH.

DURING the season of 1896, Prof. Hutt carefully tested one hundred and twenty varieties of strawberries, and as a result was able to prepare an excellent paper for our meeting at Kingston. In our engraving of the Garden at the College, may be seen the strawberry plot, with the stakes indicating the varieties, twelve plants of each being planted for the experimental purposes.

We quote the portion of the paper

referring to early, late and large-sized varieties, as follows :

EARLY VARIETIES.

The first two or three pickings from a good early variety often prove more profitable than the whole crop from a later variety. In the following list the best early varieties are ranked in the order of their yield for three pickings previous to June 15

Rank.	Early Varieties	Sex.	Date of first picking	Yield before June 15th.	Total yield.	Rank for total yield.
				ounces.	ounces	
1	Van Deman	B	June 8	80.00	141.75	47
2	Rio	B	"	70.75	153.50	43
3	Michel's Early	B	"	68.25	140.50	48
4	Warfield	P	"	67.75	294.00	1
5	Afton	P	"	59.75	264.00	2
6	Kossuth	B	"	55.50	113.25	64
7	Bessie	B	"	53.25	137.00	51
8	Gertrude	B	"	51.00	179.50	23

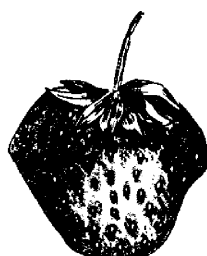


FIG. 1126.—
VAN DEMAN.
uniformly of good size and very handsome, of a rich dark crimson color and

Van Deman (B.)—
A good grower and fairly free from rust. An early, perfect bloomer, one of the best to fertilize early pistillates ; season of fruiting extra early ; ranks first for early yield. The fruit is

varnished appearance ; firm and of good quality ; should be in every collection.

Michel's Early (B) —
A rampant grower, but rusts badly. Ranks third as an early yielder. The fruit is small, of poor color, and lacks in firmness. Very generally grown but cannot equal Van Deman as an early variety.

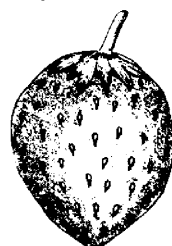


FIG. 1127.—
MICHEL'S EARLY.