

Raspberries.—Turner succeeds without protection, and is now carrying a heavy crop. Cuthbert, Philadelphia and Golden Queen, with protection are doing pretty well. A blackcap (perhaps the Doolittle) is bearing fairly.

Blackberries.—Ancient Britain, Snider and Taylor (protected in winter) are fruiting nicely. The Windom and two or three other dewberries are yielding their first fruits of fine luscious berries.

Plums.—I have collected some forty kinds of North-west sorts, from Minnesota, Iowa and Wisconsin, and this year have five kinds carrying specimens, viz.: De Soto, Speer, Sendloff's Seedling, Newton Egg and one without name.

Cherries.—Prof. Budd's Ostheim blossomed and formed fruit, but fruit has dropped. Prof. Saunders kindly sent me two of the Koslov Morello, which are doing well. He also sent me one Besarabian, which has made a good growth.

Pears.—The Russian Gakovska froze out last winter. I have received from Ottawa twenty-five from Russian seed, which may do better.

Apples.—Of some eighty varieties of apples and crabs the following after three years' test seem the most promising: Gideon's Seedlings, Pearce's Seedlings, Russian Liebz, Rubetz Naliv, Hiberna, Antonovka, Red Cheeked, Red Repka, Istovka, Ostrakoff. Some of these look like blossoming next season. In crabs and hybrids, Whitney No. 20, Transcendent Dartts, Gibb, Hyslop, seem among the most promising.

Forest Trees and Ornamentals.—The Manitoba White Elm, Ash, Soft Maple and Box Elder are succeeding very well; Butternut I am hoping to raise; the Persian Lilac flowered abundantly; Spiræa Ballardii and another are now in blossom, so is an Althea. Tamarax Armurensis has beautiful foliage, but I doubt whether it will flower. The John Hopper, planted outside, had one beautiful rose; Caragana, or Siberian Pea, after three years' trial without injury, promises well for an ornamental hedge plant. The Russian populars, notably Certinensis, Petroviki, Laurifolia and Boleana are an acquisition and are doing well. Salix Fragilis and Aurea are beautiful trees.

I would like to get promising varieties of gooseberries for testing, and would be glad to hear from any of your readers on the subject. Hoping I have not transgressed too far.

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CENTRAL EXPERIMENTAL FARM.

THE President Mr. A. M., Smith, ex-President P. C. Dempsey and myself were a contingent selected to examine the small fruits at the experimental station here, on July 22nd. The raspberry season was well commenced; gooseberries were beginning to ripen, and the early