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THREE BIGARREAU CHERRIES.



THE cherry season in the Niagara District, which began about the 10th of June with the Early Purple (Fig. 970) and closed about the 10th of July with Windsor and Montmorency, has been one of the best seasons on record. Frequently the cherry rot sets in, and favored by occasional showers almost ruins the whole crop, giving much work on the assorting tables, and little satisfaction to the grower. The very finest looking varieties, such as Napoleon and Yellow Spanish are most subject to this fungus; they

grow in close bunches and this habit of fruiting favors the rapid spread of the rot from cherry to cherry. Then again the aphid appears at times in numbers innumerable, and renders the leaves and fruit sticky and disgusting in appearance. This year, however, the dry weather has been a disguised blessing in preventing fungus growth of every kind, while other conditions have destroyed the aphid. Nothing, therefore, interfered with the perfect maturity of a magnificent crop, which has probably surpassed any previous record.

The three largest cherries of the season, grown at Maplehurst, are Yellow Spanish, Napoleon, and Monstreuse de Mezel.

One immense tree of the first named, thirty years planted, yielded this season three hundred and sixty quarts, while an instance is reported of a Napoleon yielding four-hundred and fifty quarts! The Monstreuse de Mezel is