

The *Victoria* ripens unevenly like the *Champion* and is also of late season, though not quite as late as *Champion*. The fruit is large, but in medium-sized clusters only.

The *Boskoop Gian'* black currant has been attracting considerable attention of late, and if it lives up under general culture to advance promises, it should prove one of our most valuable commercial varieties combining, as it does, size and quality of fruit, size of bunch and productiveness. It is most highly commended by growers who have given it a good test.

The *Saunders*, another of Dr. Saunders' seedlings, is a most promising commercial variety, and has been under general culture for some years now. It is a very productive variety and a strong grower.

*Kerry* is considered by Mr. Macoun to be one of the most promising for commercial purposes on account of its great productiveness and quality of fruit. *Clipper* and *Climax* are also strong growing productive new varieties of medium to late season, and with *Eclipse*, an early season currant, are very highly thought of at the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa. In a table Mr. Macoun has worked out, based on the productiveness of the different varieties of black currants, *Saunders* comes second, *Kerry* third, *Clipper* sixth, *Eclipse* seventh, *Collins' Prolific* eighth and *Climax* ninth. Three other varieties, *Ogden*, *Ontario* and *Eagle*, occupying first, fourth and fifth places respectively, are not considered as good as the former varieties for various reasons, such as quality, evenness of ripening, etc. It is worthy of more than passing notice that the usually recommended varieties occupy the last half of the table mentioned, which included thirty-three varieties. *Lee* is twenty-second, *Champion* thirtieth, *Victoria* thirty-first and *Naples* thirty-third. Locality, of course, might have something to do with this low showing of these varieties, though Mr. Macoun thinks not, but thinks the newer varieties, *Kerry*, etc., are simply better.

If *Kerry*, *Clipper*, *Eclipse* and *Climax* cannot be obtained from any of the nurseries, cuttings can be secured from the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa. *Collins' Prolific* has been on the market for some time, and is considered one of the best commercial late varieties, though, quality and productiveness combined, it is not equal to the former varieties.

GOOSEBERRIES.—*Pearl*, *Downing*, *Red Jacket*, *Smith's Improved*, of the American varieties, and *Whitesmith*, *Industry* and *Keepsake*, of the English varieties, are generally considered to be the best.

The *Pearl* and *Downing* gooseberries are very similar in size and appearance, the *Pearl* averaging perhaps a little larger. These two and the *Red Jacket* or *Josselyn* are the three most popular gooseberries of American origin. They are all free from mildew, vigorous and very productive. The *Downing* is probably the most widely planted in Canada. The *Smith's Improved*, a seedling of *Houghton*, originated on the American side and is well recommended by American growers. It is not as well known in Ontario as the *Pearl* and *Downing*, but is highly spoken of by several Canadian growers. L. B. Henry highly recommends it, placing it before *Red Jacket*.

*Houghton*, an American variety not included in those recommended, is a very productive variety of good quality, sweet-flavored fruit, and until the advent of the *Downing*, it was the most popular gooseberry. The fruit, however, is small, though it is a very hardy variety and perhaps should therefore be included in the recommended list. It will thrive where many of our otherwise better varieties will suffer from the severe winters, probably being the only variety of merit that will thrive in the Prairie Provinces.