

Conrath, two Golden Queen, and the fifth about evenly divided between Cuthbert, Marlboro, Miller, Shaffer and Loudon, with a half dozen Kansas. The rows are eight feet apart, and the Conrath and Shaffer about three feet apart in the row, while the other are about a foot apart, as it is my intention to grow them in a hedgerow about two feet wide, keeping down weeds by a heavy mulch of short seaweed or cut straw. I planted a row of strawberries between each row of raspberries, which is now about four feet wide, but I will narrow down the row to two feet next spring by taking up plants for my spring planting. I pinched the black-caps when about 18 inches high. They sent out laterals very vigorously, and when these were about 2½ feet long I pinched them also. These laterals have in turn sent out from three to five laterals or branches each, which are now from a foot to three feet long. Instead of standing upright like the plant illustrated in Fig. 97, they are sprawling over the ground, forming a solid hedge-

row about two feet high and about five feet wide. Some plants that did not receive the second pinching have laterals 8 feet long, trailing like a Dewberry.

Now the question arises, how am I going to prune the plants so as to get them into shape for the trellis illustrated in Fig. 89? As these plants will be covered with three or four feet of snow will not the laterals be stripped off the main stem?

The Golden Queen and Cuthbert are about five feet high, with an occasional plant six feet high.

What is the usual yield per acre for Blackcaps and Cuthberts or other Raspberries?

How does the Lucretia Dewberry compare with Taylor's Prolific Blackberry in flavor?

What do you consider the best early Strawberry? Also the best late. Soil is a sandy loam. I have over forty varieties under test to fruit next year, but this is no guide for next spring's planting.

Aitkens' Ferry, P. E. I. D. J. STEWART.

Our Affiliated Societies.

PORT DOVER. — The regular autumn exhibition of fruits, plants and flowers of the Port Dover Fruit Growers' Association took place in the Town Hall on Thursday evening week. There was quite a large attendance and much interest was manifested in the beautiful display of fine fruits and flowers. The latter was especially good and the interest and care displayed by the ladies is deserving of great credit. The plants and flowers were banded along the whole front of the stage and were most tastefully and beautifully displayed. The fruits were also well arranged on tables, apples predominating.

Good music was furnished by the orchestra. President Symington occupied the chair, and after some suitable remarks called on Secretary Carpenter to read the annual report, which shows the society in a flourishing condition. Pleasing addresses were then delivered in turn by Mr. L. G. Morgan, P. Lawson, Esq., and Rev. Mr. Robertson. Mr. Morgan especially urged the members to endeavor to still further extend its usefulness, as apart altogether from its value to the town and surrounding country in a moral and aesthetic point of view, a most tangible result of its organization was the building of the evaporator, which now employed a large number of hands and put considerable money in circulation among the fruit growers and townspeople. But for the formation of the society it is probable the evaporator would not have been built. Mr. Robertson thought that while we could not grow peaches or grapes as well as some other localities, our apples, pears, etc., were equal to any grown elsewhere, and he advocated our banding together to capture the British market and that societies as such should make special displays in these markets. Mr. Lawson advocated the holding of meetings monthly and moved that the next meeting be held on the second Thursday in November. On motion of Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. John Waddee, a hearty vote of thanks was tendered the ladies for their valuable assistance. The meeting closed with the national anthem.

The following is the Secretary's report: "It is needless for me to say that we have a horticultural society established in Port Dover. This is well known to some, since the 7th day of February, 1896, when some seventeen gentlemen met in the Town Hall to take into consideration the advisability of establishing such an institution. We have, as some of you well know, had an existence since that time. By the 1st day of Sept., 1896, we had sent in to Mr. L. Woolverton 39 names for the Horticulturist. In the evening of Jan. 1st, 1897, as per statute governing horticultural societies, the officers were elected and the society received the name of "The Port Dover Horticultural Society" in affiliation with the Provincial Society. By the 1st day of Sept., 1897, we had a membership of seventy, and received a grant of \$39, which grant was based upon the membership of the previous year. At the present time our membership is eighty-one. Included in that number we have six lady members. We hope for the year 1901 that that number may be doubled.

All who have attended the meetings during the past three years cannot but realize that this institution has been a great educator in the management of fruit trees and flowers. During the year 1898 this society gave to its members (who saw fit to avail themselves of the gift) a present of 50 cents worth of trees, flowers, shrubs, etc., which came from the following sources: trees from Grimsby Nursery, gladioli and cannas from H. H. Groff, Simcoe. The society gave that year through its secretary, apple, peach, plum, pear, cherry, grape, etc., running through the whole catalogue of fruits, representing a cash value of \$67.55. This year we have given 39 apple, 105 pear trees, 30 cherry, 74 plum, 66 peaches, 25 grape, 1,084 strawberry, 108 raspberry, 65 currants, 110 gooseberry, 25 blackberry, ornamentals, 2 althea, 2 weigelia, 3 crimson rambler roses, 1 spiria, 1 white fringi, 2 clematis, 4 English walnut, 30 cannas, 8 gladioli, at a cost of \$94.15. This year our government grant is \$47.00. In conclusion I wish to thank the members