

THE OUTLOOK FOR FRUIT IN MANITOBA.

SIR,—As many of your readers are aware of the effort in fruit raising here, and as I am greatly indebted to Prof. Saunders, Mr. Gibb and others for courtesies in furnishing me with trees, shrubs, etc., for experimental work, and my time is so taken up that I cannot send separate reports to each kind friend, allow me to give a few jottings, which I trust will be interesting to your readers.

The Saskatoon (June berry) is very abundant. This berry is worthy of propagation. It grows here a good deal larger than the Black Naples cur-

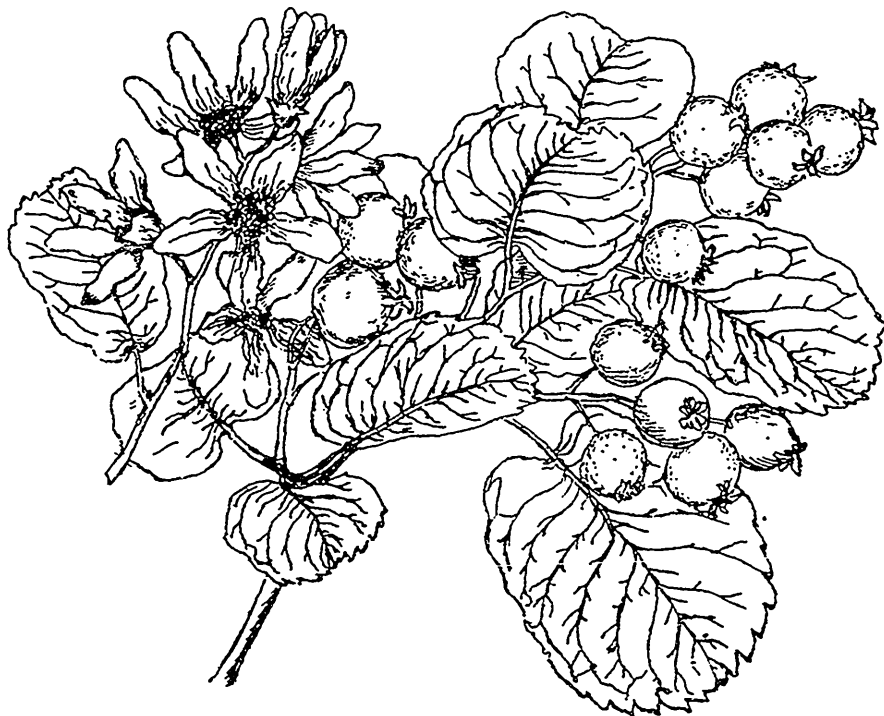


FIG. 61.—THE SASKATOON BERRY.

rant, and makes nice preserves. Wild plums and cherries (red and choke) are also very plentiful, but I write to tell you of cultivated fruits.

Strawberries.—The Crescent, Downing, Glendale, Champion, Wilson and Jessie have borne well. In novelties, I had one specimen of the Britain, five inches in circumference, a little larger than the Jessie.

Currants.—The Fay's Prolific bore its second crop, and finer berries I never saw. The White Grape was more abundant and second in size. Red Dutch, Victoria, Holland, Black Naples, Lee's Prolific and Stewart's Seedling, all bore a fair crop of fine fruit.

Gooseberries.—Houghton and Downing were loaded. Smith's Improved and two or three other varieties mildewed somewhat, but had a light crop.