

the committee appointed by the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association, in convention assembled, would respectfully urge upon the tariff commission that it would not be in the interests of the fruit industry of Canada if any reduction should be made in the

duties on fruits coming into this country. That, while the fruit growers do not ask for an increase in the tariff on imported fruits, they would request that wherever possible specific be substituted for ad valorem duties."

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RASPBERRY CULTURE

RASPBERRIES and Their Culture was the subject of an entertaining talk by Mr. A. E. Sherrington, of Walkerton, at one of the sessions of the pomological convention. Many valuable points were brought up by Mr. Sherrington in the discussion that followed. Many varieties have been tested by Mr. Sherrington, who recommends Herbert, Marlboro and Cuthbert as being the most suitable varieties for his section of the province. The recommended varieties vary slightly from year to year because different conditions suit different sorts, and new ones are being experimented with each season. The Herbert is one of the seedlings from the collection of Mr. R. B. Whyte, of Ottawa. During the past season it has given excellent results. The first fruit was picked July 17 and the last August 11. In that time 565 ounces were taken off a 20-foot row. The quality was fine and it has proved to be a good shipper. The Cuthbert, however, was placed as the great standard variety, although outclassed in yield. The first fruit was harvested July 19, and 347 ounces were picked by August 14, when the crop was done. It is hardy and a vigorous grower, and in great demand in all sections.

Marlboro was found to be a shy bearer and to produce a dry crumbly fruit, lacking in quality. In 29 days from July 13 the crop harvested was 330 ounces. Turner came in July 11 and yielded only 257 ounces. On July 13 the first Phoenix were picked, and by August 14 the crop harvested amounted to 380 ounces. The fruit is

small, but as a rule there is a heavy yield of good quality.

Black raspberries have been a comparative failure recently owing to the work of anthracnose. Hilborn was the hardiest and best. Conrath comes in earlier, but is not so hardy. Older was perfectly hardy, but is not recommended because the fruit is shiny black and the demand is not so brisk when the characteristic bloom is lacking. It, also, has a very short period of ripening. During the past season the crop was taken off in four pickings, from July 18 to August 1, and six plants yielded 161 ounces. The quality is not good.

Growers were advised not to set out hybrid bushes, as there is no commercial demand. Golden Queen was a very good variety, but is not needed. The same is true of such purple sorts as Columbian and Schaffer. The Columbian is the hardier, but not of such good quality.

It is necessary to have the ground thoroughly cultivated and perfectly free from grass before setting out the plantation. Cultivation and fertilization are the two main factors in having a good crop. Spring planting was recommended as being much ahead of fall planting. It is always best to have the plants set deeply because the roots are surface feeders and they should be kept down as low as possible. The most approved method is to make a furrow with the plow and then turn out another along the same bottom. The bushes can be set in this trench and the roots covered well.

Rows six feet apart give good satisfac-