

RASPBERRY NOTES.

The earliest to ripen on the Editor's grounds this season was the

HIGHLAND HARDY.

It is of medium size, bright red in color, too soft to ship well to a distant market, and of poor quality. Yet notwithstanding all these disadvantages, its early period of ripening gives it a great advantage, and when marketed in pint boxes brought this season ten cents per box. The canes are hardy, and in good soil yield very good crops.

CLARKE.

This berry is of good size, the color is bright enough to suit the requirements of the market, and the quality is very good. We have not found the canes to be quite hardy; they suffer sufficiently in severe winters to affect the crop considerably. When not injured by the winter the crop is good. The berry is not as firm as some, but with care in handling it will bear shipment tolerably well.

FRANCONIA.

Could we make this variety perfectly hardy, so that it would endure our changeable winters without injury to the crop, we would not be obliged to seek further to find a very satisfactory market raspberry. When the canes are not injured by the winter they bear a large crop. The berries are large, deep red, firm enough to bear carriage well, and of excellent flavor. At one time this was considered *the* market berry, but of late years we hear but little about it. Our market raspberry growers have been trying other sorts which promise to be more hardy.

PHILADELPHIA.

The peculiar, dark, purplish-red color of this berry so detracts from its appearance that it is not popular in the markets, hence raspberry growers have in a great measure discarded it. But it is one of the most hardy varieties we have, and its crops are simply enormous. The berries are medium in size, not very firm fleshed, juicy and pleasant, but not high flavored.

CAROLINE.

This has been highly praised as the most delicious of all raspberries. It is said to have been raised from a seed of Brinkle's Orange,