

forty varieties, the only one that had anything worth picking was the Whitesmith, my ten bushes of that variety producing more than 140 plants of other kinds. Singularly enough, the American varieties suffered more than the more tender foreign ones. Downing, Pearl, Montana Seedling, Smith's Improved, and Houghton, were all alike bare of fruit. I hope after another season's experience in growing foreign varieties to report, through *The Horticulturist*, my experiments with over forty kinds.

Though so closely related to the gooseberry, the red and white currants were very little injured by frost. The crop, while not so good as the previous season, was very fair. Another year's experience has established the great superiority of Moore's Ruby over all others as the best red currant. In quality it is away ahead of any competitor, red or white, large in berry and long in bunch, many of them containing twenty-four berries in the raceme. It is a better bearer than Fay, and a much more vigorous grower. It is not nearly so well known as it deserves to be. Another variety that promised well is the Wilder. It is more acid than Moore's Ruby, but in every other respect it is a close rival.

Raspberries were very satisfactory this year. No small fruit grown in this district is so uniformly profitable, for the space occupied and the labor expended, they give a greater return than any other small fruit. Cuthbert, Golden Queen and Shaffer are the standard varieties here. There are probably more Cuthbert's grown than all other kinds put together. Some growers are finding the Shaffer very profitable. One that I visited last summer told me that it was more profitable than even Cuthbert. At first the color was found fault with, but any one who tried it always wanted it again; the above three kinds are almost the only ones grown for market here. But for home use softer and sweeter berries are preferred, such as Clark, Herstine or Heebner.

Black caps or blackberries are very little grown, not being found profitable in this section.

Plums, of late years, have been a failure here. We have never been able to grow the Domestica type successfully. The winter cold is too severe, and our native red plums are so subject to rot and blight that they are being generally cut down. Our only hope now is in the Western Americana type, as De Soto, Weaver, Wolf, Wyant, Hawkeye, etc. These are being somewhat extensively planted, and have so far proved hardy and free from disease.

The only apples grown to any extent here are the summer and fall varieties, such as Tetofsky, Duchess, Yellow Transparent, Wealthy, etc. These were a very good crop, and unusually free from codling moth, scab, etc., though fire blight was pretty bad in some places.

Grapes were very generally a failure. They were almost as much injured by spring frost as the strawberry. Those that escaped the frost ripened perfectly—even such late varieties as Iona.

With strawberries, gooseberries and grapes a failure, and raspberries, currants and apples only an average crop, it has been a poor year for the horticulturist.

With a summer so favorable for growth and the dry fall inducing well ripened wood, plants of all kinds entered the winter in good condition and we hope for better results next year.

The SECRETARY: There is a report of the committee for the selection of judges who will be available for agricultural societies so that they might communicate with this Association for names. This report is not sufficiently matured for publication.

The PRESIDENT: When we adjourned yesterday afternoon it was announced that the important subject of our export trade in apples and other fruits would be taken up this morning. Mr. Shuttleworth is here, and I will now ask him to introduce the subject.

Mr. Shuttleworth introduced the subject of the interests of the fruit growers of Ontario. We cannot here discuss our personal middleman; I am here to do in business with that all men have experience enough to know the barrel, although beginning to enter we have honest confidence if to be distributed here to grow mediary. There is no use trying want. It is in a rut, partly and say he like a Spy grow the made mistake is not really to believe it has porting apples for that variety. The Ben Davis enough to rot Kansas Ben I mend the product mistake—not superior apple into production drive all the good apple. producing a better are just as cut they are produced had twenty Fr done and see obtained our market exactly are also growing good as ours. thing grown in Spy anywhere Northern Germ As an illustration or Pewaukee have free access out which were willing to pay you make a I don't think