

NEW RASPBERRIES.

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In introducing this subject Mr. Craig said that "Few of the many new varieties placed on the market within the last five years possess merit over those already in cultivation. Out of a large number tested at the Experimental Farm and which I have observed growing elsewhere, I will mention a few, some of which are decidedly promising, and others which need further trial before a correct estimate of their value can be arrived at.



Thompson's Early. Ripe the second week in June; medium size, round, bright red, fairly firm, attractive. Its earliness seems to be its principal good point. Although hardy it has not been productive.

Columbia. I have not fruited this at Ottawa, and speak of it as seen growing at the N. Y. Experiment Station at Geneva, where I was very much impressed with the vigor of the plant, quality and size of the fruit. It has also received favorable commendation at the hands of the able editor of the *Rural New Yorker*. It is believed to be a cross between the Cuthbert and Gregg, and is intermediate in many characteristics, the fruit being purple and striking root from the tips.* It therefore is of the Shaffer type,

* Many crosses of this kind have fruited at the Experimental Farm. In nearly every instance the fruit has been purple in color. J. C.

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