

## FRUITS TESTED AT MAPLEHURST.



HAVING one hundred acres devoted to fruit culture, and a very extended list of varieties under cultivation, some occasional notes may be of general interest to our readers.

Out of fifty varieties of strawberries which we have been testing the last two or three years, we find that very few prove themselves worthy of cultivation for profit.

On consulting our field notes, taken last season, we find the Bubach heading the list as the best market berry of the whole lot. It averages larger than any other variety, and, besides, is very productive. It is pistillate and, therefore, needs a staminate variety planted near. One of the great points in its favor is its power of enduring the drouth, which plays such havoc with the strawberry crop. Its chief fault is, that it is somewhat soft to carry to distant markets.

LITTLE'S NO. 10 compares favorably with the Bubach in size and productiveness. The fruit is large, conical, slightly flattened, with several depressions. The color outside is a deep red and glossy; the flesh inside is similar. The flavor is sprightly and agreeable, excelling in this respect the Bubach. It has a perfect flower. This variety originated at Granton, Ontario.

THE EUREKA, a variety which originated in Ohio, has done well at Maplehurst. Mr. Craig, of the Experimental Farm, Ottawa, however, does not speak favorably of it. The plant is very healthy, and very productive, the berry not quite as large as the Bubach or Little's No. 10, but firmer. The shape is conical, chopped off at the point. It is a good quality.

THE LOGAN is a new berry from Indiana. This plant is a good thrifty grower and very productive. The berry is large, roundish, even form and of good quality. It is certainly a promising berry.

THE HAVERLAND is another variety standing in the first rank as a market berry. It is a vigorous, healthy grower and very productive. The fruit is quite peculiar, being very long and of a light red color. It is moderately firm, medium in quality and colors evenly over all the exterior. We regard this berry with more favor than we do the Warfield, a variety which is highly prized in Illinois, as being a market berry, and which is said to be a seedling of the Crescent.

MRS. CLEVELAND is another rather promising market berry. The plant is vigorous and healthy, and a fairly good bearer. The berries average medium to large.

THE JESSIE was planted with a great deal of expectation and carefully petted; and truly some of its first berries were wonderfully large and fine. A plate of them quite astonished two or three of our directors, who called one evening; they almost thought a carving knife was necessary to prepare them for eating. But, after the first few large berries are gathered from the plant, the