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## STRAWBERRY CULTURE.

*L. D. Robinson, Berwick, N. S.**Introduction.*

Without doubt, the strawberry is the most popular fruit produced in Canada—the most popular because it is the best. No other delicacy can compare with it, except strawberries and cream. Henry Ward Beecher but voices public sentiment when he says: "Doubtless had God tried to do so, He could have made a better berry than the strawberry, but it is equally certain that He never did." The strawberry is the gardener's pride, the epicure's delight and a joy to all.

It is the first fruit to ripen and thus it is welcomed by us as a pledge of the good things to follow. Not only is the strawberry the best fruit of all but it is within the reach of all. Nothing planted in the garden gives surer return for labor. A small patch of strawberries well cared for will supply the wants of a family with a luxury unsurpassed.

*History.*

Of all the fruits, the strawberry has the widest range. In its wild state it is found widely scattered over the temperate zone. In Canada, its domain stretches from the 60th. degree in the north to the boundary on the south; and from the Atlantic on the east to the Pacific on the west and where the wild varieties abound, the cultivated are sure to flourish.