

more general planting in this country for the milder districts as it has been found tender in fruit bud at Ottawa. Its mild flavor and good quality make it an excellent sort where a table fruit is desirable.

The *Red Victoria* is one of our best currants for all round purposes. It combines long, well-filled bunches of good-sized fruit of medium quality with hardiness and productiveness. It will succeed well where Cherry, Fay and Wilder would be tender.

The *Red Cross* is one of our newer varieties. It is becoming popular for market and home use on account of the large size of the fruit and its productive habits. An objection to it is that the bunches are of only small to medium size.

*Perfection* and *Greenfield* are comparatively little known, though they are two very promising varieties. The *Perfection* is a strong grower, though reported to be rather slowgrowing when young. It is a very productive variety bearing exceedingly bright, attractive-looking fruit of very large size in well-filled clusters. It should prove a very desirable and profitable variety for home and market purposes. The *Greenfield*, originated by S. Greenfield, Ottawa East, Ont., is described by Mr. Macoun as being a productive variety of very large fruit, well-filled bunches, quality above medium. Mr. Macoun, in recommending it, says: "I do not know whether it could be obtained in the trade, but we could supply cuttings to anyone who might write for them."

The *Prince Albert*, a late variety, bearing fruit of medium size in long, well-filled bunches, should perhaps be included in the above recommended list. It is a good late variety and would be found useful in lengthening out the season.

WHITE CURRANTS.—Except for home use, the planting of white currants is not to be recommended, as there is practically no demand for them on the market at the present time. The *White Grape* variety will be found excellent for home use, being mild and of very good quality. For eating out of hand it is one of the most desirable varieties, whether red or white.

BLACK CURRANTS.—Black *Victoria*, *Champion*, *Lec. Boskoop Giant*, *Saunders* and *Naples* are the usually recommended varieties. Mr. W. T. Macoun considers that five varieties, *Kerry*, *Clipper*, *Eclipse*, *Climax* and *Collin's Prolific* which have been under observation at the Central Experimental Farm are equal to or better than the varieties generally planted throughout the Province. The first four of these were originated by Dr. William Saunders from seedlings which he took from London, Ont., to the Central Experimental Farm at Ottawa in 1887.

Mr. B. Henry, in discussing the varieties of black currants before the 19th Fruit Growers' Association Convention spoke as follows: "As regards black currants, I only grow one variety, having found it to be the best with us, that is the *Black Naples*. It is a strong and vigorous grower and is very prolific. The buds are borne on short clusters and very well distributed over the bush.

"The *Champion* is not so vigorous. It comes in about five days to a week later than *Naples* and this may be a point in its favor, as it can be planted along with the *Naples* and will make a yield that will surprise you. But we have found one fault with it—the fruit does not ripen evenly; that is to say, the fruit may be ripe on some parts of the bush and partly green on the other sections and for that reason it requires more time to pick the fruit properly.

"The *Victoria* is another black currant which is very well known. It is very vigorous, perhaps more so than any other variety I have mentioned, but in our district it is not as heavy a cropper as *Naples* or *Champion*. I have no doubt some of you will think that is wrong, because I have heard that *Victoria* in some districts is one of the best currants there."