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STRAWBERRY TESTS AT GUELPH.



ABOUT a year ago, we gave our readers a sketch of Professor Hutt's work at the Agricultural College, and his preparation for it. We are now enabled to give a fine full page picture of him, and at the same time some extracts from his last report on Strawberries, with the engravings made from photographs, all of which appeared in the last College Report, just sent out by the Department of Agriculture.

TEST OF VARIETIES OF STRAWBERRIES.

For the past two years we have been testing varieties of Strawberries. In last year's report the results are given of a trial of 121 of these. This year we had 150 varieties in fruiting, and have

added eighty to our collection to fruit next year. The results with many of these during the past two years have shown them to be of little or no value, and if next season's yields confirm these results such varieties will be placed on our discarded list. On the other hand, a number have made excellent records for both seasons, and if, after repeated trials, these records are maintained, such varieties may with confidence be recommended to intending planters.

The treatment given in these experiments may be briefly outlined as follows: The ground on which the strawberries were planted was cropped the previous season with onions, beets and carrots, during which time it was kept as free as possible of weeds. It was plowed in the fall after the removal of these crops, and top-dressed during the winter with short, barnyard manure. As soon as the land was fit to work in the spring it was