

those who know it best say that it is seriously liable to a browning of the skin, akin to the dry-rot of the Ribston. The Fallawater is excellent in most respects but is very liable to attacks of "collar-rot," while the Nonpareil, though an ideal apple in many respects, is not of high quality and is developing, in the western end of the Annapolis Valley, a most alarming tendency to canker.

All this simply shows that the ideal varieties have not yet been produced, at least in great numbers, and while more knowledge may help us to overcome some of the defects mentioned, still we should welcome the present tendency to introduce new sorts and should hope great things from it.

Just now the Red Russet, which is said to

be a cross between the Baldwin and the Roxbury Russet, is coming into favor wonderfully with those who know it. And like almost every other locality the Ben Davis has been largely planted in Nova Scotia of late and growers are still wondering whether this was wise or otherwise; while Ontario, McIntosh Red, Gano, North Star and Ohio Nonpareil are varieties which are claiming more or less attention as new and promising sorts for general planting.

Altogether we cannot doubt that within the next twenty years we shall see a much greater change in this matter of varieties than has been witnessed in the last twenty, and we may reasonably hope that "the change will do us good."

NEW FRUITS

Mersereau Blackberry is highly eulogised on the circulars which have come to hand, emphasizing four cardinal points in its favor: great size, luscious flavor, great hardiness of canes and great productiveness. It is claimed that in quality it is exceptionally sweet, rich and luscious, without a core. A shortcake made of it is more delicious than that made from strawberries. The yield is enormous; the introducer declares that as much as 12,000 quarts per acre have been harvested.

The King Raspberry is said to be the earliest red variety, its fruit of the brightest crimson and of best quality, equalling in this respect the popular Cuthbert, than which it is a better shipper.

Peach, Duke of York.—Our early peaches are usually so small and rot so badly in ripening that many of our peach growers are quite discouraged with them. In consequence of this there are very few early varieties being planted. At the Royal Horticultural Society's show on May 20th a new variety was exhibited, which received the award of merit as a new variety of great promise. It is called the Duke of York, and is a cross between the Early Rivers nectarine and the Alexander peach. The flavor is excellent, and the fruit pretty and well colored, and of the largest size. Its season is the same as that of the Alexander peach.