

"I would not plant Lombards for profit," said Alex. Glass of Jordan, the well known originator of the Glass plum. "In my orchard of 800 trees I have only eight or ten trees of Lombard. I count it the poorest plum I grow."

What are your most profitable varieties?

"The Prince of Wales I count my first for profit; it is the best for all purposes. My choice of six best kinds for the commercial orchard is:—Prince of Wales, Goliath, Bradshaw, Coe and Reno Claude.

"It is strange," said Mr. VanDuzer, a prominent fruit grower of Winona, "that this year there is a general failure in many plum sections of Glass, Quackenbos and Columbia varieties, which by the way very much resemble each other. On the other hand Bradshaw and German prune are giving a most exceptional yield."

MAIN CROP STRAWBERRIES

"GIVEN the right soil," said Mr. E. B. Stevenson, our strawberry experimenter, who is now located at Jordan Station, "no fruit is more profitable than the strawberry. Look at the tremendous rows of fruit on these rows of Clyde, a variety that cannot be surpassed for productiveness, where there is enough moisture in the soil. As a rule it is far more productive than the Williams, except on light, dry soils, but of course it is not as firm for the long shipments. The Williams is largely grown for market, but, in my opinion, it is inferior to Saunders, which I would place first for main crop; this latter is a Canadian berry, large, bright, firm, and of good quality. It ripens all over, and is just as good a shipper as Williams."

What is the best late berry?

Well here is one which was introduced by J. H. Hale, the eminent peach grower. He says it is the latest berry on earth, and catalogues the plants at \$1.00 each! He has christened it Hales 11.59 P. M. You see it is not yet (June 20), beginning to

ripen, and Michel is nearly over. However it is not the only late berry; J. H. Black, of New Jersey, has been sending out some "pedigree stock," as he calls it, among others a variety called the Joe which is probably as late as Hales.

FANCY BERRIES

Have you any fancy berry for the amateur excelling the Jessie?

Well yes, I would say that either the Woolverton, or the New York is quite as desirable in the home garden, though of course Jessie is excellent in quality. The Marshall is an excellent berry too for the amateur; it needs rich, moist soil to do well, and it is usually almost as profitable for market growers as the Clyde. It is almost as early as Michel. A new berry from Michigan is one of the most promising of this year's introductions, being wonderfully large and productive. It is called Uncle Jim.

A full report on strawberries by Mr. Stevenson, will be published in the next annual report of the Ontario Fruit Stations.

RAPID INCREASE OF STRAWBERRY PLANTS

Speaking in The Sun of the rapidity with which a large strawberry plantation may be developed from a small beginning, Prof. Hutt, of the O. A. C., said: "People hardly realize how soon a very considerable area of strawberries can be developed from the experimental lots sent out from the college. Let me give you an illustration: Last year we set out a lot of strawberries of different varieties at the college grounds, for the purpose of seeing to what extent these would increase. The result was astonishing. The number of new plants developed from a single parent stem in one season on the average was—for the different varieties named—as follows: Sadie, 100; Ruby 85; Standard, 53; No Name, 51; Burt, 48; Buster, 47; Warfield, 42; William Belt, 41; Clyde, 38;