

I am removing the brush now (April 2nd), and adding a light coating of straw, for the double purpose of protection against any cold "snaps," and to keep the berries from the ground. In a cabbage patch I set out four rows of Cuthbert raspberries, seven feet apart, plants  $2\frac{1}{2}$  feet apart in the row; I have strawberries on one side of the raspberries, and intend setting out strawberries on the other, intending the long rows of Cuthberts for a wind-break, allowing them to grow to fill space in the row, but keeping the space open between rows for planting in potatoes, cabbage, etc. I intend to planting early corn for marketing green, through what strawberries I set in this spring. I took up a patch of early potatoes last summer in time to set in strawberries on the ridges where the potatoes came out, a dressing up in shape with a hoe being the preparation needed for the berry-plants as the land was rich and friable.

I set cabbage plants between the newly set currants and find they do well, as the tillage they require is profitable for the currants. I intend getting out Cuthbert raspberries along my fences and letting them grow "as they please," to form a close break-wind to contain the snow. Any device to retain the snow late is an advantage with us in the "cold north." Wherever a drift crossed my strawberries, they are green and fresh now, but with all my pains in covering, in places where the snow was away early, the "sere and yellow leaf," predominates.

I have tried several kinds of material for covering, and, next to evergreen boughs, I place tomato tops. They are a good protection and do not allow the snow to melt down and smother the plants. As we had about a foot of frost in the ground when the snow fell first last fall, I was not anxious about wrapping trees with straw, as the sap would be late kept back. I merely trample the snow hard around the trees as a guard against mice. After the snow went, I added long manure to keep in the frost as late as possible, and now (April 13th), they show little signs of budding.

A word on forwarding rhubarb growth. To-day I put fresh horse-manure around the newly-started buds, about a patent pailful to each root, raising a ring of several inches high around, taking care not to cover the buds, and putting the most on the north and west side to break the chilling winds. This does two things: adds warmth and nourishment.

And as a closing thought on economy, let me add, do not be so full of conceit as to reject little hints and notes from the experience of others. Make the most of the experiments of the "Farms" the Dominion Government have established. If not near to visit them, send and get their bulletins and yearly reports, for they are profitable to any unbiased mind. Amid all the political croaking, the Government has done, and is doing, a good work for the farming and gardening community in the establishment of the Experimental Farm and its branches; and what remains for the farmers and gardeners to do is to lay aside their party prejudices, and come forward and profit by what has been done by the Government for their benefit, and then the value of what has been done