

and grows large crops both of the strawberry and raspberry; he does not ship, but disposes of all his crops in the thriving town of St. Marys. I found one plot of strawberries badly infested with the strawberry root-worm.

My next visit was to F. Mayer, Bridgeport. He was in the midst of his red raspberry picking. It would be hard to find such Clarkes as those were. Although they were staked and wired, they were so thrifty in cane it was difficult for the pickers (women) to get through them; his land is well adapted for fruit; it is a rich sandy loam. Also he has a promising young nursery of budded plums, cherries, pears and hardy apples—budded from stock had from Mr. J. L. Budd, of Iowa Agricultural College. I spent one night and two days with him, and was hospitably entertained, he giving me a drive in his carriage to Waterloo and Berlin.

My next visit was to the noted strawberry grower of Ohio, Mr. Crawford. I expected to be with him at the horticultural meeting at Euclid, Ohio, on the 7th of September, but did not get to Cleveland till the 8th. I spent 14 days with him and his excellent wife, going with him here and there among the fruit men in the neighbourhood in which he lives.

It would occupy too much space in the *HORTICULTURIST*, and might not please many of the readers, to tell what I saw and heard and learned about the strawberry whilst at friend Crawford's.

It has always been a treat to me to visit Mr. Crawford's strawberry home; his grounds are kept in such good order, and his beds are so clean, and

rows so far apart, that the different varieties cannot get mixed. I was surprised at his fall plant trade; mostly every day during my stay his sons were busy filling orders. One day they expressed eight half bushel baskets of potted plants at once. Mr. Crawford attends to his correspondence and also to his books; his varieties are up in the hundred, and the seedlings sent to him for testing are about forty. His experience with new varieties, and what he says about them, can be relied on, and is of much value to all engaged in strawberry growing.

I have all the varieties in his report, and I send it to you. It will save me a good deal of trouble in writing about them, as my experience is about the same as his.

This last strawberry season I had the largest berries, and the best return I have had in some years. I head the list with Jessie, Bubach, Summit, Ontario, Pineapple, Manchester, Cumberland, Triumph, Mt. Vernon, and some of the old varieties of seedlings sent for testing. Eureka (Logan-Itasca), several of Mr. Louden's seedlings also gave very large berries and are productive.

If your correspondent "G. J. R." will do as I did—go to the home of the Jessie in the fruiting season—he will see where the productiveness comes in; or to many places in Canada where they know how to grow the strawberry. Some men when they get a few plants of a new variety, expect too much from it and kill them with kindness; others don't know how to plant and care for him, and so to them they are worthless.