

two or three weeks we began using and shipping them, and found they were in great demand. Plump, rich, and juicy, without any ugly dark blemishes, they sold in the market like "hot cakes," and the children, who are first class judges of good fruit, were always begging for "sawdust pears."

We doubt very much whether Bartlett's could be kept two months in this way. We found them ripening within a fortnight, but their excellent condition alone was a sufficient reward.

#### SMALL FRUITS AROUND ARKONA.

Once again it becomes my pleasing duty to be able to report a very favorable season, and an abundant and encouraging crop of handsome and well-formed samples in most of the lines of our varied annual fruit.

##### THE STRAWBERRY CROP,

though injured very considerably by the early frosts of the season, was yet a rather pleasing crop, though by no means an abundant one, and in some soils was almost destroyed altogether. Yet, under favorable conditions and locations, on well-drained, high, and warm soils, and under good culture, the yield of tolerably good fruit was very pleasing. But, compared with last year, it was indeed very poor. It is but little or no use to attempt this delicious crop on low, heavy, undrained lands, for, if frost should come over us before ripening, which is very apt to be the case more and more lately, it is quite sure to catch them, and at once, in a night, to destroy or hazzard the prospect of fruit in such tempting places. If success be desirable in any line of fruit growing, it will be found better to carefully select the location known to be most favorable to the wants and absolute necessities of the fruit so as to be sure to get it in all its perfection and beauty. It is, doubtless,

better to plant strawberry plants for success on high, dry, warm, loamy, well-drained soils, and keep them under the very best care and culture. At one time during the season of marketing a short glut occurred in this fruit, and the saleable price ran down to a point scarcely keeping up with the cost of production, but things like this must always be in a great and growing country. The sorts in cultivation are the Wilson's Albany, Crescent Seedling, Daniel Boone, Manchester, and the Jewell, the beautiful new berry of Mr. Augur's. The last three of those are something astonishing, and fully enough to produce a smile on the most austere. Immediately upon the strawberries being done, and almost before,

##### THE RASPBERRY CROP

was ready to handle, July 3rd. The tone of the market on the whole was very good considering the general depression in most lines of business, and prices on the whole were good. It is felt, however, that as more and more people go into the growing of raspberries for the market the prices must inevitably go down, unless room can be provided for the increasing crop in canning or fruit drying factories. The Turner and the Cuthbert among the reds, and the Mammoth Cluster among the blacks are still very popular and many of them are being annually planted. Among the newer blacks the Souhegan and the Taylor have proved themselves of most decided merit, quite early, fine size, beautiful color and flavor, and very productive, and carry well to market. Brinckle's Orange is the finest and most valuable yellow sort. These fine raspberries will pay and give abundant satisfaction for any amount of care and labor that may be given them. The best soil for the growth of red raspberries is a rich, warm, well-drained, sandy loam soil,