

very well. The Gregg does well, and is hardy here. I have also grown the Cuthbert, but it suffered a little on the tops above the snow line last winter. Blackberries, such as Taylor's Prolific, do very well. Arnold's Diadem has done well and so has Mr. Saunders' hybrid. I do not see any difficulty in growing raspberries in this part of the Province, as we have plenty of snow to protect them during the winter.

Mr. VEACH.—I grow the Saunders here too.

Mr. McDONALD (of Lucknow).—I only grow a few, and for varieties I have Mammoth Cluster, Philadelphia and Saunders. The Saunders is the best. It will bear double that of any others, and send up few suckers. In propagating I took the suckers from the bottom. My Mammoth Cluster was killed down to the snow line last winter; but the others were not.

Mr. MORTON.—I think it was the old Franconia that I started with, and I found it was apt to winter kill; but in flavour it was superior to anything I have had, except Shaffer's Colossal. I have also the Turner and Cuthbert. I tried to kill the Turner last winter; but this spring it was sound to the top. I think it is ironclad. The Cuthbert is fine and I like the flavour; but the Turner is a little too sweet for my taste. In yellow I have the Caroline, and my experience prompts me to say that it is not the same everywhere. I got my plants from a gentleman in Brampton. On his place I thought the flavour excellent but in my garden I wouldn't give five cents a bushel for them. It is sour and of poor quality bears, however, enormously. If I were only going to plant one variety, I should select Shaffer's Colossal. It has proved itself hardy, and it is an immense grower. The fruit is a little soft to ship, and the colour would be against it as a market berry; but it has enough of the black cap flavour to make it spicy and of excellent quality. In white caps I have Bebee's Golden; but as it is hard, seedy and lacking in flavour I do not think much of it. In black caps I have Souhegan, Gregg, Early Ohio and Davison's Thornless. The Gregg died down this summer and I cannot find any cause. It commenced to die from the top, but I have had no difficulty with it being killed in the winter. The Souhegan gives me the best return of any black cap that I have. The Early Ohio is much younger, and when it gets into full bearing it may be equal to it. I also have a seedling of my own. It is red, although not as red as the Cuthbert, and the berries are larger. It is a little coarse in the grain, but the flavour is very fair. It was an accidental seedling, and is quite hardy.

The PRESIDENT.—That experience with regard to the Caroline is very interesting, and explains why there is such a difference of opinion with regard to it. The Franconia referred to kills down to the ground in London, and we cannot get any fruit from it.

Mr. DEMPSEY.—In red raspberries nothing gives us the satisfaction of the Reliance and Turner, which are perfectly hardy, and appear to suit the market. In black caps I have nothing that will excel the Mammoth Cluster. The Ohio is certainly a desirable berry, although a little small. Shaffer's is good, but does not take the market. I might add to what I said at first, that we think that for cultivation and profit the Turner, Reliance and Cuthbert are all we require in red raspberries. We do not ship raspberries very far, but the Turner goes as far as Toronto. It will produce double the quantity of the Cuthbert.

Mr. BEADLE.—I might give you a word of caution on one or two varieties not mentioned. The Hansell was sent out as an early ripening, productive and hardy raspberry. I find that it is hardy, but unproductive, quality inferior, and no earlier than the Brandywine. The Superb was sent out as something extra fine. It is, however, very seedy. It may be very fine for cooking, but I cannot get enough berries out of my patch to try it. What little I do get crumble to pieces. While I am speaking I may say that there is a variety which originated with Mr. A. M. Smith, and which he calls the Niagara, I think. It was injured a little last winter, but nothing further than we would have pruned it, and this year it gave me a very good crop. It ripens by degrees, and long after the Cuthberts are gathered we can get sufficient for the table; and they begin to ripen about the same time. That might be an objection to those who grow for the market, and want to gather the crop in two or three pickings. The Colossal is, perhaps, the most productive, and best for cooking; but is not a high flavoured berry.

Mr. CROIL.—We find the Reliance and Philadelphia to suit us best.

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