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THE COLUMBIAN RASPBERRIES.

J. T. THOMPSON,
ONEIDA, N. Y.
TESTIMONIALS.

FROM THE RURAL NEW YORKER, Sept. 3, 1892.

"The Rural representative gave it a very careful examination and has no hesitation in pronouncing it a very promising berry. It is a most vigorous grower; it would be hard to overestimate its capacities in this direction.

The original plant stands by itself, and as the picture shows, is a very vigorous one. In a neighboring lot is a patch of the plants in full bearing, and it would be hard to find anything more beautiful in every respect; rank, vigorous and extremely productive.

The berry is of the same type as the Shaffer, that is it propagates from the tips, does not sucker and is similar in color. In shape it is longer than the Shaffer, more solid and adheres much more firmly to the steams. In quality it is an improvement on the Shaffer, being sweeter when ripe and of higher flavor. These comparisons are made with the Shaffer because we can thus best illustrate, and because of the fact, that the Shaffer is to-day, probably, the most productive raspberry under cultivation. In general appearance, both are much alike in foliage and cane. On close examination, marked differences are seen. The canes of the Columbian are more woody, its thorns are a bright, light green in color, while those of the Shaffer have more or less of a purple tinge.

*** We went to the Community factory and there had an opportunity to compare the Shaffer and Columbian canned. Mr. Hinds, in charge of the factory, who had been somewhat skeptical as to the superiority of the Columbian, freely conceded it after trial.

Despite the utmost care the Shaffer goes to pieces in the can, the Columbian remains whole, and it also shrinks less in the canning process. This gives it a special value for these purposes, and we think it will supersede the Shaffer.

Its color, which does not materially differ from that of the Shaffer, is somewhat of an objection, not being a popular color in the market, but its advantages are so many that it is sure to win favor despite this single drawback. The fruit adheres to the stem very firmly; it will not drop off, even when dead ripe, but will dry up on the bush.

In all, it is most promising, and The Rural predicts for it a great future if it shall succeed abroad as it does at home "

FROM THE RURAL NEW YORKER, March 17, 1894.

"We have been testing the fruit of the Columbian red raspberry, both canned and made into jam.

*** We have certainly never seen raspberries that retain their form, color and shape when canned as this berry does, and we know that we have never eaten canned berries that retained the flavor and aroma of those freshly picked to such an extent. The fruit makes a firm, sparkling jam."

FROM BULLETIN No. 63, Dec. 1883.

NEW YORK AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION.

"Columbian, (From Jos. T. Thompson, Oneida, N. Y., 1891). The most productive of all raspberries fruited on the station grounds this year. Fruit large to very large, moderately juicy, moderately firm, nearly sweet, somewhat darker in color than Shaffer, but sweeter and better flavored."

FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE COLLEGE

AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION.

STATE COLLEGE, Center Co., July 28, 1894.

Dear Sir—The Columbian Raspberry plants you sent us in 1882 readily established themselves as strong growing plants, and in 1883 yielded one of the largest crops of berries of all the varieties planted with it. The plant and berry closely resemble that of Shaffer's Colossal.

This berry can be highly recommended for extensive growing for canning purposes.

Very truly,

GEO. C. BUTZ.

FROM GEO. T. POWELL.

Ghent, N. Y., July 16, 1894.

Dear Sir—The plants of the Columbian Raspberry have made a very strong growth this season, and are loaded with a great mass of fruit. The plant shows vigor and is very hardy. The fruit is firm, large in size and beautiful in color. It is fully up to all it promised and is an acquisition to the best of new varieties.

Very truly,

GEO. T. POWELL,

Director of World's Fair N. Y. State Horticultural Dept.

FROM THE CONNECTICUT AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION.

NEW HAVEN, CONN., July 13, 1894.

The Columbian Raspberry has fruited this season with us, and we find it not without merits. It is a strong grower and has withstood the effects of drought better than some varieties.

The berries are firm, large and of good quality.

On account of the firmness of the fruit, together with its good size and quality, I should think it would be an excellent variety for shipping. Yields good.

Yours truly,

W. E. BRITTON,

Horticulturist,
The plate shows the original plant 9 years old. The greatest raspberry in existence. Original plant bore over 28 quarts of fruit last season, 1894. Plant, a giant in growth, very hardy; fruit large, dark red, rich, juicy and delicious flavor.

Excels all others for canning. Fruit does not drop from bush. A splendid shipping variety.

Has produced over 8,000 quarts to the acre. Two First Premiums at New York State and First Premium at Western New York Fairs, 1894.
FROM C. E. HUNN, FORMERLY OF GENEVA EXPERIMENTAL STATION.

GENEVA, N. Y., August 4, 1894.

Dear Sir—Yours of the 2d at hand. The Columbian has proved a fine berry, yielding over double the fruit of five other varieties set at the same time. The new growth of canes are also fine, and give promise of a large yield next season.

Prominent nursery men at this place on seeing them in fruit, pronounce them wonderful bearers. * * * *

Yours truly,

C. E. HUNN.

FROM W. E. DOUGLASS, GROcer AND WHOLESAle FRuT DEALer.

ONEIDA, N. Y., July 27th, 1894.

Dear Sir—Allow me to congratulate you on the success you have made in producing the Columbian, the finest Red Raspberry in the world.

The Columbian is the best berry I ever handled, both for retail and shipping. It will stand up when other berries are all mush. I hope you will have fifty thousand quarts for me next season.

Once tried, always used.

Yours truly,

W. E. DOUGLASS.

FROM ANABLE & POWER,

DEALers IN STAPLE AND FANCY GROCERIES.

CHICAGO, Ill., August 16th, 1894.

Dear Sir—The Columbian Red Raspberry you sold us last year proved to be the best canned Raspberry we ever saw, and we are pleased to send you an order again this year for the same goods.

Yours respectfully,

ANABLE & POWER.

FROM P. CLEARY,

WHOLeSAle AND ReTAIL DEALER IN GROCERIES, ETC.

CHICAGO, Ill., August 17, 1894.

Dear Sir—Will you kindly ship me, about September 15th, five cases quart lightning jars of Columbian Red Raspberries. Our customers consider them the finest flavored raspberries they ever used.

Yours respectfully,

P. CLEARY.

Dear Sir—The case of the "Columbian" Red Raspberry, put up in glass, came to hand in good shape. In my business as a grocer in this city I am handling foreign and domestic choice canned goods, and I pronounce the "Columbian" the best canned berry I ever saw. Patrons to whom I sent a jar or the fruit speak of it in the highest praise.

A. L. JONES, of Jones & Co.

Syracuse, N. Y.

Dear Sir—Several quarts of your "Columbian" Red Raspberry were handed me to "process" for the purpose of testing its value as a canning berry, and by the result I am convinced it is much superior to any other for the following reasons: It holds its form, is of a more beautiful color, sweeter and richer flavor, and what is to canners a very important feature, shrinks but little in canning. The "Shaffer," heretofore considered the best Raspberry grown for canning, shrinks twenty-five per cent, more in the process than the "Columbian."

WALTER E. DIBBLE,

Professor for Oneida Community, Ltd.

KENWOOD, Madison Co., N. Y., March 13, 1893.

Dear Sir—Last season you brought to our factory several jars filled with "Columbian" Red Raspberries, which we processed at your request, and we are free to say we were very much pleased with the appearance of the fruit, and no less pleased afterwards when we tested its flavor. The Cuthbert we regard as the king of all Red Raspberries for market purposes, but for canning it is excelled by both the "Columbian" and Shaffer's Colossal, as they better retain their color after processing and have more positive flavor, and we must acknowledge that the "Columbian" takes the precedence because it retains its form better than Shaffer's Colossal.

Yours respectfully,

ONEIDA COMMUNITY FRUIT DEPARTMENT.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Sept. 1st, 1894.

Your Columbian which I have fruited this season is truly a most wonderful berry. The same is very rank in growth and absolutely hardy as far as I can see. Berry does not break or crumble in picking, and no matter how ripe, they seldom ever drop off, which I think an important feature. I believe it has no superior for canning and evaporating purposes. From what I have seen on your premises, together with my own experience in fruiting the Columbian, I am convinced it has no competitor in the line of red or purple berries.

Yours truly,

P. S.—I have berries on my Columbian at this writing, quite a few of them.

IRVING C. TERRY.

FAIRMOUNT FRUIT FARM, Fairmount, N. Y.,

Sept. 1st, 1894.

Dear Sir—I can say of your berry that I have fruited it two years. The growth of bush is marvelous, and equally so in producing fruit. I have often seen it compared to the Shaffer's. I have both varieties. The Columbian makes a stronger cane, stands up better and is more productive. The berries adhere well to the stem, while the Shaffer will drop off badly in high winds. When but a single cane is left in the hill it will branch and fill the space where the Shaffer will be limber and fall to the ground. It will hold up a load of berries better. I find it more hardy than the Shaffer. You ought to meet with great success in introducing the Columbian.

Yours truly,

CHARLES MILLS.
THE COLUMBIAN RASPBERRY.

The COLUMBIAN is a new candidate for horticultural favor, which the originator offers to the public, confident that it will head the list of first-class berries. We believe that all that is necessary to prove what we say is to give it a fair trial, and that when it is as well known abroad as it is at home it will advertise itself.

The accompanying illustration is from a photograph taken July 31, 1894, of the original bush, past nine years of age and as vigorous, thrifty and productive as ever. It is a seedling of the Cuthbert, grown near the Gregg blackcap raspberry, and believed to be a cross between the two.

The following points show the superiority of the Columbian over all other berries now grown:

1. It is a most vigorous grower, canes ten to sixteen feet in length and often over an inch in diameter, strong and woody, color light green, changing to bright red in autumn.

2. Its foliage is very handsome and healthful, light green in color, retaining its health and hue until killed by autumn frosts.

3. Its roots are large and spreading and penetrate the soil to a great depth, thus enabling it to resist drought successfully.

4. It propagates readily from the tips, and never suckers from the roots.

5. It is very hardy, enduring 28° below zero without harm.

6. Fruit very large, often an inch in diameter; Shape somewhat conical; Color dark red bordering on purple; adheres firmly to the stem and will dry on the bush if not picked; Seed small and deeply imbedded in a rich juicy pulp, with a distinct flavor of its own, making it a most delicious table berry.

7. For canning purposes it is much superior to any other for the following reasons:
   - It holds its form better.
   - Is of a more beautiful color.
   - Is sweeter and richer in flavor.
   - Shrinks less in processing.

8. It makes a fine evaporated berry, retaining color, form and flavor in a most remarkable degree, and selling for fully one-third more than other berries.

9. Its fruiting season is very uniform, extending from July 12 to Aug. 15, and maintaining its high quality to the last.

10. Its manner of fruiting is peculiar to itself, each berry growing upon a separate stem from two to four inches long from which it is removed without crumbling.

11. It is a most excellent shipper; never crumbling or crushing either in handling or transportation.

12. It finds a ready market, over 20,000 quarts sold for family use during the past season, and some orders could not be supplied.

13. It is wonderfully prolific, yielding over 8,000 quarts to the acre. 3,500 bushes produced on an average 5 quarts each or 17,500 quarts.

SUMMARY.

Extremely vigorous and resisting drought. Manner or propagation, no suckers. Fruit very large. Best berry for canning, retaining size, color and flavor. Long season of fruiting and high quality of late fruit. Fruit adheres to the stem, not dropping. Does not crumble in picking. Fine and excellent shipper. Wonderfully prolific, over 8,000 quarts per acre.

Price of plants, 50 cents each; $5.00 per doz.; $30.00 per hundred.