

of most people, the best of all winter vegetables, it is worth while to give them a good chance. In the colder parts of the Dominion, and also in hilly places where the hours of sunshine are not many, savoy-seed should also be sown; but in warm parts and places subject to many hours of sunshine daily it is too early. Savoys are not worth eating until they have felt the influence of cold weather; as an early crop they are a failure.

Sowing cauliflowers should not be neglected. Select a giant kind like *Metropole* or *Veitch's Autumn Giant*, and the heads will be ready at Easter-time, just as peas and French beans are about past. Turnips may be sown at intervals of about eight weeks, sowing at each time just sufficient for use during that period. During summer-time turnips quickly become tough and unfit for use. Carrots may be sown; if, however, an early sowing was made the main crop need not be put in yet. Parsnips also may be sown if required early, but if they are desired for winter use only do not sow yet, as they may become overgrown. Plant *Jerusalem artichokes*.

Lettuce is now best sown in lines; sow thinly, thin out surplus plants, and leave the others to grow. Radishes should be sown in small quantity every second or third week. I would advise a trial of a new variety, *Icicle*, which I find very satisfactory.

Sow tomato-seed at once. It is best not to raise these seeds in heat; an ordinary greenhouse or frame is sufficient. The young plants run up leggy very quickly if in heat, and are then difficult to manage. A mild hotbed is, however, a great help when the young plants are pricked off.

Pumpkins, marrows, hardy cucumbers, and melons of various sorts may be sown in boxes if desired. In an ordinary way it is not advisable; the seed comes very freely if put in the open ground early in November.

*Capsicum* and chilli seed may be sown in a greenhouse. The plants are pricked off as soon as they are large enough to handle, and are finally planted out. These vegetables only succeed in the open in the hottest parts of the Dominion. They may, however, be grown in most parts if the plants are lifted before there is danger from frost, placed in pots, and finished off in a greenhouse.

#### SMALL FRUITS.

Planting all bush fruit will, of course, be finished and established plantations put in order. Where artificial manure is to be given it should be applied at once. For gooseberries mix together 2 parts nitrate of soda, 1 part superphosphate, and 1 part sulphate of iron, and apply 1 lb. of the mixture to 3 square