

and more sprightly. It is outstandingly attractive, with a very bright lustre. It has good handling characteristics and retains its lustre and firmness well after picking. Van is somewhat resistant to cracking of the fruit, being superior to Bing in this respect. In picking season, Van is slightly earlier than Bing.

In four years' trials, Van has shown itself to be inter-fertile with both Bing and Lambert. In addition, two years' trials indicate that Van is successfully pollinized by Deacon and by Royal Ann. Pollination tests indicate that Van is self-sterile.

Van is considered promising, both from a marketing standpoint and as a pollinizer for Big and Lambert, and it is being planted for extended commercial trial in the cherry districts of British Columbia.

At the present time budwood of Van is not available from the Summerland Experimental Station, but trees of the



The Van cherry is a black cherry of the Bing type but is slightly firmer and somewhat more resistant to cracking if wet weather occurs during the ripening period.

variety are being propagated by several nurserymen in British Columbia.



## NATIVE PERSIMMONS IN NEW YORK

By George L. Slate

N. Y. Agr. Expt. Station, Geneva, N. Y.

The Garretson variety of the native persimmon, *Diospyros virginiana*, is growing and fruiting satisfactorily at Geneva, N. Y. Heavy crops have been produced and ripened during late October and early November. Two seedlings also have ripened. Early Golden matures at Ithaca, N. Y.

Transplanted trees, except small seedlings from pots, often winter kill because they make weak growth the first year. When winter-protected with corn stalks and waterproof paper the first year or two, the trees will stand Geneva winters thereafter, even 18°F. below zero.

The writer is interested in learning of other very early-ripening, desirable native persimmons.