

gara district conditions are much the same, being if anything a little more encouraging than in the other sections. In this section quite a few correspondents estimate the yield as a light one. The total crop of the province is not likely to range more than 15 per cent. of last year's.

Moderate Yield of Pears

During the past month the promise for a medium yield of pears has improved. Many correspondents who a few weeks ago anticipated a light yield are now apparently hopeful of a medium to full crop. This is more particularly true in the Niagara district. In

Wentworth, Lincoln and Welland counties early pears will average from a medium to a full crop, while late varieties promise a light to full yield.

Bordering the northern shore of Lake Ontario growers generally expect light to medium, and even full returns. This is true of all counties along the lake. In the western and northern districts of the province indications are that the yield of early pears, while a failure in a number of orchards, will be medium. Late varieties apparently do not give quite as good promise, although a light to medium crop will be general. Taking the province as a whole, both early and late pears, while behind last year, will be a fair crop.

Reports From Ontario Growers

Wentworth County

Winona.—There will not be more than half the winter apples in this section there were last year; the sample will be better. Pears are a very good crop and quite free from fungus. Peaches at Winona and Grimsby are more than half a crop, the quality will be good, the foliage is very healthy. Unsprayed plum orchards are looking very badly. The leaves have dropped, the plums are bare, and will be of little value. Well sprayed orchards are healthy. Grapes have not done well for the last few weeks on account of cool wet weather and black rot, and it is a question if the crop will be much above the average.—(M. Pettit.

Welland County

Fonth.—The apple crop will be very large, fine and clean. Peaches are a failure except a few orchards bordering on Lake Ontario; through the central sections about one-half the peach trees were killed by the severe winter. Pears promise a large crop and a fine sample. Plums are almost a total failure, a large number of the trees having been injured by the winter. Grapes will be a large crop, although the leaf blight has appeared on the thin leaved varieties like Delaware.—(E. Morris.

The Lake Huron District

Walkerton.—The fruit crops in this district in some respects are not as good as last season, and in others they are better. The apple crop, on the whole, is lighter, but the quality is first-class. In some orchards the crop is much better even in quantity than last year. Spys are good; Russets, Greenings, Ben Davis, medium; Baldwins a failure. Early apples medium to good. Prospects for trade are bright. Pears medium. Plums a total failure. The peach trees were all killed by the winter frost. Grapes are medium to good, but are not much grown here.—(A. E. Sherrington.

Simcoe County

Craighurst.—There will be no plums. Early apples are abundant. There will be a fair yield of fall varieties, but winter varieties will

be below the average and far below last year. The quality of early and fall apples promises to be well up to the mark. Winter apples may be a little under sized.—(G. C. Caston.

Lincoln County

St. Catharines.—The early peaches are fairly favorable as to quality, which is not of the best. Healthy trees have a full crop. The season for yellow flesh peaches, including Triumph and Yellow St. John, is about over, and the peaches of the Crawford type are now ready for the market. These will be a light crop. It is not likely the total production of peaches in the Niagara district will be over 25 per cent. of that of last year. Apples of all kinds are fairly heavy all through the district, except one or two varieties, including the Northern Spy. They will be a full crop. Pears are light, Bartletts being the best. The total yield will probably not exceed 50 per cent. of a full crop. Plums, with the exception of the Japanese varieties, are very light. If the growers secure 20 per cent. of a full crop it will be all that can be expected. Black rot has caused considerable trouble and is rapidly extending through the vineyards. Had it not been for this trouble the grape crop would have been unusually heavy and of extremely good quality. It is difficult to estimate the damage that will result from the rot. The majority of the growers have not prepared to deal with the trouble, which requires thorough and energetic treatment. In spite of this trouble, a good crop of grapes is probable.—(W. H. Bunting, Pres. Ont. Fruit Growers' Ass'n.

The Burlington District

Burlington.—Apples are a short crop as compared with '03, probably not more than 50 per cent. Quality good, not much spot; some codling moth in trees thickly laden. Size of apples normal. Pears a fair crop, probably equal to that of last year. Plums are practically nil. I doubt if there are 15 baskets on 1,000 trees in my orchard. The fruit buds must have been destroyed by the severe winter. Peaches very much the same as plums, few to be seen.