

"In Peel, there will be no early apples; winter apples will be average. Cherries, half crop; pears and plums—none. Gooseberries and red currants, half crop; no black currants. Raspberries nearly all destroyed by frost. Early strawberries, none; medium and late, fair, but rain needed very badly."

MR. THOS. BEALL, of Lindsay, representing the Counties of Durham, Northumberland, Peterboro' and Victoria, writes: "Judging from the reports I have received from all sides respecting the fruit crop, I think we may now safely say from present indications that the crop of autumn apples will be a good average. Winter varieties about half a crop. Pears, of all varieties grown here—excepting Flemish Beauty—is nearly a total failure, but the Flemish Beauty, which is grown to a considerable extent in this district, promises to be an unusually large crop where the trees have been carefully sprayed. Where not sprayed, the "scab" in many places will destroy the crop. Plums are nearly a total failure. Cherries are but little grown here. Strawberries are a failure to a great extent for lack of rain. Gooseberries and currants promise an average crop if we have rain soon."

MR. J. G. WHYTE, of Ottawa, representing Lanark, Renfrew, Russell and Carleton, writes: "Since my last report on our fruit prospects, we can better estimate the amount of damage by frost, which is much greater than it appeared to be then. Apples still promise a good crop. Plums almost a total failure, except our native red, which promises about half the average. Grapes in most localities will be a great failure, particularly in low grounds and where trained near the earth. In my garden nearly all the young shoots up to three feet above the ground were destroyed, while those above that escaped. Gooseberries have been more injured than expected last month. Downing will not be more than one-fifth of a crop; Houghton not much better. Smith's Improved a total failure. Some of the English varieties promise a fair crop. Red and white currants have suffered more severely than was apparent a month ago; they have dropped from the bunch so badly as to reduce the crop 25 per cent. Raspberries were somewhat severely winter killed, but promise a fine crop, particularly Black-caps and Sheffer. Strawberries are coming in well; those in blossom at time of frost were a good deal injured, but the later berries are doing well, and are a good crop."

MR. A. M. SMITH, of St. Catharines, representing the Niagara Peninsula, writes:—I don't think there is much change to make in last report. Lake Shore peaches fair, back a mile or two light. Plums, pears, cherries and apples about half crop. Grapes two-thirds on lake, on mountain gone. Dry weather with frost has cut strawberries short. Raspberries will be short without rain soon. Blackberries full.

MR. GEORGE NICOL, of Kingston, representing Leeds, Grenville, and Frontenac, writes:—Apples and pears, from present appearances, promise a fair crop, fully equal to last season. Small fruits have suffered most from the late frosts, and are suffering now from drought. Strawberries not more than half crop.

MR. L. CHAPIN, of Brantford, representing Elgin, Brant, Oxford and Norfolk, writes:—The frost of May has done more damage than was at first realized. Reports from different parts of this section come, saying plums, pears, cherries and grapes all gone. Apples very scarce indeed, but what few remain at the present time promise to be a good sample. Grapes are sending out fruit the second time, but may be destroyed by early frost.

MR. W. M. ORR, of Fruitland, representing Wellington, Waterloo and Halton, reports apples about Burlington slightly below the average; pears light, plums below average; grapes half an average, owing to the frost. About Guelph, apples, pears and plums very scarce, few blossoms escaping the frost; sour cherries a quarter of a crop; grapes a complete failure, vines even killed by the May frost in many cases. Small fruits badly damaged, and few left. About Ancaster, apples look well, and sample good; pears half a crop. About Fruitland, apples better than for years, pears below average, peaches scarce, plums average, raspberries never looked better. All trees and vines unusually healthy.

MR. STANLEY SPILLETT, our gooseberry specialist in Simcoe County, writes:—The hard frost in May—so hard that ice formed half an inch thick—did scarcely any damage to large fruits, except cherries, which will be 50 % of a crop. Small fruits were nearly as fortunate; strawberries 99 % of a full crop. We have picked 230 baskets from 12, say, rods, without any perceptible decrease in numbers on the vines. Want of rain just now is going to cut the last pickings down considerably. Bubach and Stamen No. 2 stand the drought well, so does Williams; Haverland suffers most. The first two have done admirably. Proximity to the lake, probably, affects us favorably here in cases of frost. Cur-