

six clean acres would be better, if well fenced. I have spent all my money, and earned nothing. I borrow the dollar I send.—SAMUEL PEDDLE, *Whitechurch, Ont*

Had our correspondent followed the advice of this journal, he would not have left a good trade to engage in fruit culture. To succeed in any line one must have a thorough knowledge of it, and it would be a marvel if any person in these days of close competition, could make money in fruit culture without any previous training in the business. Would our friend advise a farmer to leave his farm and try to make a fortune at cabinet making? No more do we think that a tradesman should leave his trade, and expect to make money in fruit gardening without either capital, or knowledge of the business.—EDITOR.

Digging Up Strawberry Beds.

I OBSERVE that it is generally recommended to dig up strawberry plants after they are one or two years old. I have a strawberry bed 16 years old, and they bear just as well now as ever they did.—W. W. R., *Toronto, April, 1889.*

Fruit in Lanark Co.

SIR,—Pressure of business has prevented me from acknowledging my premium "Winter St. Lawrence" apple tree, and the copy of the Ont. F. G. Ass'n Report for 1888, both of which I fully appreciate. The little tree is in full leaf and growing nicely. Small fruits, viz., strawberries, gooseberries, and currants promise great abundance of fruit

this year. Some of my bushes are pictures of plenty, being bent to the ground already with their growing burden. Plums are a small crop; apples also, except Alexanders, which with me are fully loaded. Caterpillars are very numerous and they are attacking forest trees as well as fruit trees; this pest is becoming a serious one and will be hard to keep in check if the race continues to increase as it has done during the last few years.

In this vicinity we have so far escaped late spring frost, and vegetation is very much advanced, in fact the growth has been quite phenomenal. The weather is at present wet and chilly, and there is still danger of a damaging frost, barring which there is likely to be plenty in the land.—W. H. WYLIE, *Carleton Place, May 28, 1889*

The Crandall Currant.

Your Postal at hand. Rather late to plant the Crandall, but we mail you a plant, well cut back, that may grow, also a twig of green fruit that will show something of its productiveness.

The cut of Crandall please keep. We may order it sent to some other paper sometime. The Crandall is now a wonder to behold, with its load of quarter-grown fruit bending the bushes to the ground.—FRANK FORD & SONS, *Ravenna, Ohio.*

[The branch of currants is certainly an object of great interest, being loaded heavily with fruit of a promising appearance. We have planted the bush in our testing grounds, and will report as soon as possible concerning its value for Canadians.—EDITOR.]

OUR FRUIT MARKETS.

Montreal.

Apples.—The season for old apples is now about over, with the dumping grounds full of their remains. May our dealers never see the like again. It will not be long before new apples in crates will make their appearance from the South. Bankers in the West, it is said, took a greater interest in the apple market last year than ever before in their lives. Their connection with it, however, will not contribute anything towards their dividends.

Strawberries.—Supplies from New York fair, with sales at 20c to 25c per quart.—*May 24, '89.*

Representatives for Montreal houses are already making arrangements down in Tennessee for securing the product of some of

the earliest orchards. It will therefore not be long before the first shipments of the new crop of apples are received.

Strawberries.—A new feature in the market was the arrival of Chicago berries at the beginning of the week, which sold down to 10c and 11c per quart by the case. Receipts of New York berries are larger, with sales at 12c to 15c per quart. Great damage is said to have been done Canadian strawberries, but dealers think the injury has been exaggerated.

Cherries.—California "black hearts" have met with fair enquiry, with sales at \$3.50 per box. The fruit is very fine and tempting.

Apricots.—The first lots of California fruit came to hand this week in very good con-