

bloom, so that the prospect is very poor for ripe grapes in September."

A. Gifford, writing from Meaford, one of the greatest plum districts of the Province, says: "Plums will be a light crop, below last year in quality. Pears below the average, except Flemish Beauty which so far promises well."

J. G. Mitchell, Clarksburg Fruit Station: "In plums the prospect is not so favorable as in apples. Some growers report very poor crops, others say their plums are nearly all falling off. This seems to be the case in orchards which have had poor care, while in orchards which have had good care and cultivation there is a full crop. On the whole I think the plum crop will be much below average, and in addition to this many acres of trees have been torn out and burned, the owners thinking it too much trouble to grow plums at the prices realized in late years."

A. E. Bellman, Bowmanville: "Plums have set well on some trees, and poorly on others; but I think, upon the whole, the yield will be considerably below last year. Pears seem a very good crop, but have dropped a good deal. Notwithstanding the dropping, they will be nearly as good as last year."

Murray Pettit, Winona: "The plum crop will be medium. The trees are healthy and no rot. Burbank and Bradshaw will be much heavier this year; Washington, Lombard, Yellow Egg, and Reine Claude lighter. Peaches a heavy crop. Bartlett pears will be a quarter crop, Flemish Beauty and Duchess an average, other varieties rather light. Grapes good."

John R. Walker, Cheapside: "We will not have over half the plum crop we had last year. Pears are a fair crop, but not up to last year by a third."

A. W. Peart, Burlington: "Plums are below an average, considerably short of

last year. Pears, dwarfs, are average; standard varieties are below an average; peaches, above an average; grapes, an average crop; currants, red, below average; black, above an average; blackberries, above an average. Insects and fungi have done little damage yet to the apple. During the past few days, however, a leaf blight has developed on certain varieties of red currants, other varieties being entirely exempt from it."

IN NORTH SIMCOE

G. C. Caston, Craighurst Experimental Station: "Cherries are almost a total failure; plums, 25 per cent.; pears, fairly good. The curculio is getting in its work on what few plums there are. Frequent rains have prevented successful spraying this year."

UNITED STATES FRUIT PROSPECTS

Although the fruit prospects in the United States are not as good as they were a month ago, the indications are, says the Official Crop Reporter, issued by the United States Department of Agriculture, for better than average crops both in apples and peaches this season.

The Climate and Crop Bulletin, speaking on the same subject, says: "In Michigan, New York, and New England apples continue promising, and a further improvement is reported from Kansas and Oklahoma; elsewhere a very inferior crop is indicated. Except in Michigan, Tennessee and Arkansas, peaches are scarce."

IN WESTERN NEW YORK

Secretary Hall, of the Western New York Horticultural Society, has kept close watch of fruit conditions since the May frosts, and from correspondence with fruit growers over that section of the State finds many gratifying conditions. Apples never