

cherries were almost a failure; plums, same; pears not a quarter crop; strawberries were about half a crop; red and black raspberries, about half a crop. No peaches grown in this locality. The cold, wet spring destroyed fruit prospects.—H. BOULTER.

LINCOLN COUNTY.—*Sir*,—From present appearances, fruit in this section will be about as follows:—Apples, about 10 per cent.; pears, 10 per cent.; peaches, 80 per cent.; plums, 50 per cent.; grapes, 100 per cent.; blackberries, 80 per cent.—A. M. SMITH, *St. Catharines, Ont.*

SIMCOE COUNTY.—*Sir*,—In answer to your enquiry as to fruit prospects in this section, I may say that, so far as I have been able to ascertain, the situation is about as follows:—Small fruits plentiful and correspondingly cheap; about four-fifths of the plum trees in this district winter-killed, any that are left are bearing well; pears, fair crop, but some varieties, such as Flemish Beauty, badly scabbed; early apples will not be so plentiful as last year, but will be a fair crop; winter apples almost a failure; taking 100 as representing a fair average crop, I would not place it this year at more than 25 or 30 per cent. for this district.—E. C. CASTOR.

PERTH COUNTY.—*Sir*,—Apples are not going to turn out one-quarter of a crop in this county; pears are no better; plums are a pretty fair crop, 80 per cent. at least; grapes are good, but not extensively grown; blackberries not grown; cherries very plentiful.—T. H. RACE.

WELLAND COUNTY.—*Sir*,—The fruit prospects are:—Apples, 25 per cent.; pears, 50 per cent.; Bartlett's, 90 per cent.; peaches, 150 per cent.; plums, 100 per cent.; grapes, 125 per cent.; blackberries, 125 per cent. Compared with a good average crop, peaches and apples are hard to percentage, as we often have very short crops of them.—E. MORDEN.

HURON COUNTY.—*Sir*,—Since last report, a change has taken place. Apples indicate little over 25 per cent.; pears, 45 per cent.; plums, 35 per cent.; grapes, nearly a full crop along lake front; raspberries and blackberries, good crop; cherries had rot badly, reducing the crop one-half; plums fell badly after forming; apple scab, bad; blight in pears more prevalent than last year. Insects worse than usual, even lice in young wood of plum and cherry.—ALEX. McD. ALLAN.

HURON COUNTY.—*Sir*,—In my last communication I stated that the prospects for fruit was: apples, scarce; cherries and plums full of blossom. Since that I find the cherries and plums failed to set in a great measure so that they are a light crop. Pears, I forgot to mention, a very few varieties have a medium crop, others nil, blight appearing again. The Baldwin Rib-Pippin and R. I. Greening was generally full of bloom, but the fruit is very scarce, other varieties almost failed to bloom. I don't think there will be enough apples for home consumption.—WALTER HICK, *Goderich, Ont.*

YORK COUNTY.—*Sir*,—As far as I could ascertain on short notice apples bid fair for a good average crop. Crabs wilted. Plums, cherries, gooseberries, black caps and red rasps are yielding handsomely. Grapes, I think, suffered from the hard winter and are full of dead wood, those kept below the snow line appear to be more hopeful. All of these are in my own garden and show well, except red and black currants, which will prove a failure. My neighbors state pretty much the same condition of fruit prospects.—WM. HARRISON, *Richmond Hill.*

PEEL COUNTY.—*Sir*,—Answering your card of a few days ago, I may say the apple crop in this section is away below the average, being a great deal less than last season's. Plums and pears, fair crop, but not nearly as large a crop as last year's. Small fruits apparently very good.—JAS. STEWART, *Brampton, Ont.*

CARDWELL COUNTY.—*Sir*,—In answer to your post card of the 24th inst., I may inform you that the fruit crop in this section will be far below the average—apples and pears a very poor showing. Many plum trees were killed during the winter, and those that are left are not doing well. Currants, gooseberries and strawberries are a very fair crop, especially strawberries. Cherries are but little grown of late years, owing to ravages of black knot.—S. C. WALFORD, *Bolton, Ont.*

PEEL COUNTY.—*Sir*,—Apples are a very light crop all through this section, although they will be better quality than last year. I think the scarcity is due to the late spring and the heavy crop last year. Pear crop will be very light this year, although there are a few on nearly every tree. Plums will be a very large crop; trees are at present nearly breaking down, and very few seem to be falling off. Grapes will be a medium crop; they were very late in budding out this spring.—A. A. GAGE, *Mount Charles, Ont.*