

which almost entirely destroyed grapes, strawberries, etc., and in some places cherries, pears, plums and even apples were destroyed. Reports have been so much exaggerated that it is difficult to arrive at just the amount of damage that has been done. There is no doubt, however, but that the fruit crop will be very light, particularly grapes and strawberries, although that portion on the south shore of Lake Ontario, between the lake and mountain, has suffered very little from frost, and the prospect is good for peaches, grapes and all other fruits.—M. PETTIT, *Winona*, June 8, 1889.

City of London.

SIR,—I have made much enquiry in this neighborhood about the damage the frost has done, and find strawberries about half cut off, grapes badly injured, currants and gooseberries perhaps a third destroyed, apples and pears not hurt; apples well set and at present promise a good crop. The rest of the stuff, such as potatoes, beans, tomatoes, etc., we shall not miss, as the season is very early.—JOHN M. DEXTON, June 4, 1889.

Kent County.

SIR,—The fruit prospects here are good. They were extra good but for the late frost, which destroyed most of the currants and first crop of grapes (though many yet look for second crop of grapes). The strawberries were hurt a little. All the other fruits are looking well. Apples appear very favorable for a great crop.—F. W. WILSON.

Norfolk County.

SIR,—Previous to the morning of the 29th of May the fruit prospect for this section was the best, by far, that I ever remember. In some apple orchards it is now difficult to find a sound specimen of fruit; but in other orchards there may be half a crop. Peaches destroyed.

In some localities there will be a small crop of pears, plums and cherries. Grapes are all killed. About one-eighth of the strawberries are left. Black caps are killed, but red raspberries are but slightly injured. Currants and gooseberries are very badly frozen.—J. K. McMICHAEL, *Waterford*, June 5, 1889.

Prince Edward County.

SIR,—Prospects of the coming fruit crop are not altogether promising now. We never had a larger show of bloom than this year, but very much has failed to set.

Apples are very thin in the trees, and the spots are already developing upon such varieties as are liable to that disease. Duchess look well, but only in some places. Ben Davis looks well on one side of our orchard while on the opposite side a perfect failure. The Golden Russet looks more promising than any other variety on our place, and they will not be one half of a crop.

Pears are doing fairly well; and if it was

not for the spot we would expect an abundant crop of Flemish Beauty. The Dempsey looks better than ever before at this season of the year; not being subject to spot, we look for a good crop.

Cherries cannot amount to much with us this year. The Old Kentish and the Early Richmond are the only two varieties that are fruiting to amount to anything this year.

Grapes are doing well, having come through the winter in good order and just now commencing to blossom. The season seems favorable for small fruits.—P. C. DEMPSEY.

Norfolk County.

SIR,—The fruit prospects in this section of the country previous to the morning of the 29th of May was on the whole the best we ever have had. The frost, however, has changed the outlook to one of the poorest.

The apples are mostly frozen with the exception of those that were protected by thick foliage.

Pears, plums and cherries are even worse than the apples.

Peaches, grapes and the earlier varieties of black raspberries nearly all destroyed. Red raspberries not very much injured. Currants and goose berries about half destroyed.

Strawberries nearly all frozen but there will be a small crop from blossoms after the first.—J. K. McMICHAEL, *Waterford*.

York County.

SIR,—Your card of 14th at hand. I have not been through the country a great deal so as to enable me to give you what I would call an accurate account of the fruit prospects, at the same time from what I can learn, I find that in this district fruit is likely to be a short crop. Strawberries were in many cases greatly injured by the frost, and the apple crop will not be more than half a crop if it goes to that. Pears in a great many sections look pretty well, but there will be no plums to amount to anything, and few cherries. I think raspberries were not injured by the frost but in this district, except in this immediate vicinity there are very few grown. Summing the matter up, I think, as a whole, there will be a very poor fruit crop in this agricultural district.—W. E. WELLINGTON, *Toronto*, June 17th, 1889.

Huron County.

MY DEAR SIR,—In reply to your post card, I can only say that grapes are almost altogether cut off; peaches are badly killed; plums along lake front nearly a half crop, pears a fair crop, and apples a very small crop, not a quarter crop. Cherries were badly cut and the first blossom of strawberries also. Currants and gooseberries are a fair crop. This is along lake fronts only. Inland I find that there will be very little fruit of any kind. I fear the prospect is not at all a bright one for apple shippers in this Province. The curculio is worse this year than it has been for some years, so that, Mr. Roy to the contrary, we must have recourse once more to Paris green.—A. McD. ALLAN, *Goderich, Ont.*