

ONE JUDGE SYSTEM.

513. SIR,—In question budget (No. 9) some one asks, "Is the one-judge system at fairs an advantage over having three judges?" I do not think it is. Of course, there is an advantage in having only one judge to pay instead of three, but, as an exhibitor, I am a sufferer. At our fair I exhibited a peck of potato onions, as beautiful a sample as was ever seen. We had only one judge, and he did not give me a prize. He declared they were not potato onions. Had there been three judges, no doubt I would have had my right. Such ignorance does societies great harm.

THOS. HALLOWAY, *Clinton, Ont.*

It is quite possible for three judges to make mistakes as well as one. The great point is to secure competent men, and surely such can only be secured by liberal reward. Were the money paid to three judges given to one, an expert could be secured, in whose judgment the public would have confidence. This would surely be better than three judges, none of whom were experts. If the one judge is not an expert, it would be far better to have three.

BLACKBERRY LEAF BLIGHT.

514. SIR,—Many of my Kittatinny blackberry leaves are turning yellowish as with rust. I enclose samples, can you tell me what to do with them?

WM. McMURRAY, *The Rectory, Niagara.*

Reply by Prof. James Fletcher, Central Experimental Farm.

I have submitted the leaves to Prof. Halstead and he has decided that the leaves are attacked by the fungus disease *Septoria rubi*, West, which is of the common leaf spots of the *Rubus* family. It resembles very much the Strawberry Leaf Blight, *Sphærella fragariæ*, which is figured in a paper on "Some Problems in Horticulture" read by our editor before the Hamilton Association. This disease will probably yield without difficulty to the treatment of the Bordeaux mixture. Your correspondent is correct in stating that the disease is injurious to the blackberry plants.

LOCATION FOR GROWING FRUIT.

515. SIR,—Do you think the sand in Pelham, or the soil about Grimsby best for grapes and small fruits? What ought fifteen acres of good soil and orchard, or small fruit, without any waste, to be worth, first, clear and under cultivation, and second, with fruit? I am offered fifteen acres or. sandy soil, cleared, for \$1,500. It has no buildings.

W. A. CLAPTON, *Fenwick, Ont.*

Questions like these can only be answered approximately, there is so much to consider which cannot be put on paper. In some sections of country land is worth more without an apple orchard than with it, because good markets are so inaccessible that there is no opportunity of selling the surplus. Generally