

Canada, if not elsewhere." The Rural New Yorker has said of it: "Equal to the Baldwin at its best." Mr. R. W. Shepherd thinks very highly of it. The single original tree is yet quite small, nine years planted, but it has borne large crops for its size for the past four years, and at the same time made good growth. As yet it is in its experimental stage. Of course, it may under other conditions fail to justify its present promise. A great disappointment has been felt all over the cold north that so few of the Russian apples have shown keeping qualities adequate to the demands of trade. Here seems to be an exception.

MR. E. B. STEVENSON, of Lowville, our special experimenter in strawberries, writes: "The frost caught us badly. Some of my extra early varieties, such as VanDeman, Beder Wood and Cyclone, began to bloom on May 6th and 7th, and some were set quite a size when the frost came May 13th, and killed everything in sight, even the leaves of many of them and the fruit stalks. A good many have sent up a second lot of fruit stalks, which may ripen late. The second bloom was from May 22nd to June 3rd, and some as late as June 6th and 7th. We have nothing nearly ripe yet, June 12th. I have made a number of important crosses again this spring. I have used Woolverton and Clyde with which to fertilize. I have some fine young plants of Timbrell crossed with Marshall, also with Brandywine. I feel sure that my varieties are true to name, as in almost every case I get my plants from the originator or introducers. I have some fifty new ones this spring. As soon as possible I will send outlines and notes concerning new varieties for this journal.

THE FRUIT PROSPECTS.

There is much to encourage the fruit grower this season, notwithstanding the thinning of the crops by frost and drouth. The dry weather of May and June has prevented the various fungi from germinating, and, in consequence, the Province of Ontario is favored with the finest fruit of every kind ever produced. The Red Astracan, Early Harvest, Greening and Cranberry Pippin, among apples, are producing abundantly; the same may be said of the Flemish Beauty pear, while the Duchess and the Bartlett have very little fruit. The following reports from our Directors will serve to give our readers a very correct idea of the fruit prospects.

MR. W. E. WELLINGTON, Toronto, representing York, Ontario and Peel, writes: "In South Ontario, prospects at this date (June 20th) are good for apples. The crop will be a good average; the fruit has set well and the foliage looks healthy. Pears and cherries look well and will be a good crop. Plums were seriously damaged by the last frost, and will not be much of a crop. Blackberries and raspberries promise very well, providing there is rain. Grapes were cut by the frost. The first blossoms of strawberries were destroyed, but there would be a good average crop were it not for the drought. Everything depends on rain for these small fruits.

"In York, prospects for apples are very fair. Small fruits were damaged by frost, and there will be only a fair crop of pears, plums and cherries. At present the outlook for apples is a little above the average.