

last spring. I attribute the comparatively thin crop to the state of the weather at the time when fertilization is effected; at that critical period the weather was so cold that insects (whose function it is to assist in this work) were unable to be on the wing. This applies more particularly to Fall varieties. In 1890 we had a like state of things with a like result.

J. D. STEWART, Russeldale:—No improvement to note re apples and pears. On the contrary the crop is gradually getting smaller by degrees. Would reduce my former estimate of the same to summer and autumn kinds, 40%; Winter, 25. Pears, 25, and the samples, as regards size, cracks, and freedom from spots, far short of former years. What a change to fruit growers, and the public generally.

A. McD. ALLAN, Goderich:—Apples as a crop, in the county, will not average over 50%, and if this dry weather continues much longer, the average will come down, as they are dropping badly. Pears will give an average of 65%, locally 75. Samples of all will be small, owing to long drought.

### Northern Ontario.

JOHN CRAIG, Ottawa:—The prospects of the apple crop in this section have not materially changed since last writing you, on the subject. Tetofsky, Duchess and Wealthy, are a good crop, but show a tendency to drop more than usual this year. Winter apples give promise of a fair crop. This class of fruit, however, in this vicinity is not grown to sufficient extent to affect other than local markets.

W. S. TURNER, Ottawa:—I cannot make many changes from my former report. Visited several orchards yesterday and found apples, both fall and winter varieties, good, remarkably free from scab, resulting, no doubt, from spraying, as I see fruit growers are spraying more this summer than formerly. Small fruits have been good, with the exception of gooseberries, in one or two cases, which, though sprayed with potassium sulphide every two weeks, still suffered from mildew. The tent caterpillar is again making its appearance, fruit and shade trees of careless growers are suffering accordingly. I would put the fruit crop for this district as follows: Strawberries, 90%; currants and gooseberries, 75; apples, 100; plums, 75.

### British Columbia.

N. BUTCHAD, Port Moody:—I will have to cut off all expenses this year, as our fruit crop is a failure.

JOHN MURRAY, Spence's Bridge:—Grand whhether here. Fruits of all kinds promise a good crop. I will begin shipping tomatoes the first of August. Expect to have 800 to 1000 forty pound boxes. Grapes, peaches and plums promise well.

### Oregon.

F. F. BEATTY, Chemawa:—My fruit crop is a most awful failure this year, and I have to cut expenses down to the lowest notch. Out of an expected usual crop of plums of 3000 bushels, or more, I will have less than fifty. The apple crop is less in proportion; scarcely enough for home use.