

down any further, and I pulled off all the blighted leaves, but I see it is gone up and the leaves are turned black above. I hardly think the blighted branches will survive, as the bark seemed to be blistered and turned black and withered.

The Flemish Beauty seems to be most affected; there is a little on the Bartlett and Manning's Elizabeth.

The bark on the stock of my standard pear tree for some years seemed to have died and rotted on the south-west side. What could have been the cause of it?

Our grain crops are mostly good. The grain aphid was rather bad in the fall wheat, and the midge in the bald varieties of spring wheat. On low land the peas are not very good.

My son, S. E. Hick, of Paris, was at Grimsby Park last week, and in writing to me he described a berry that is growing wild on the side of the mountain, and asked me if I knew what it was. He says it is something like a red raspberry, the blossom something like the Sweet Briar, and leaves similar to a grape. What is the plant?

I see the English sparrow is getting more numerous. They are pretty thick in the wheat fields.—WALTER HICK, *Goderich, Aug. 17, 1889.*

NOTE BY EDITOR.—The plant described so clearly by your son is the Purple-Flowering raspberry (*Rubus odoratus*), and is very common in the Niagara district.]

### Representatives from Michigan.

SIR,—The annual meeting of our society is fixed by our constitution for the week preceding your winter meeting at Windsor; (1st Wednesday in December), and I reckon confidently on the appointment at that time, of a strong delegation to represent our society at your gathering.—T. T. LYON, *President, South Haven, Mich.. Aug. 19, 1889.*

### Fruit in New Brunswick.

SIR,—I have had fine crops from Fay's Prolific Currant. Moore's Early Grape does not ripen with me. The apple crop in New

Brunswick is extremely light. A great many trees have died or are nearly gone, and this summer's drought will also diminish the number of barrels of fruit. The late spring frost destroyed the huckleberry blossoms, and raspberry bushes died for want of rain, but gooseberries were a fair crop. Plums very scarce.—N. BURPEE, *Sheffield Academy, N. B., Aug. 14, 1889.*

### The Juneberry.

SIR,—In the August number of your magazine, I notice mention made of the Juneberry. This fruit attracted my attention in 1873, and by good fortune I happened to secure a few plants from a friend and neighbor in Kansas, who had brought his old plants from Illinois. The plants from Illinois were originally taken from the woods in the mountains of Pennsylvania. This is the correct history of the variety which I named and introduced as "Success" about ten years ago. Mr. J. T. Lovett, of Little Silver, New Jersey, and several others have been buying plants from me for several years past. This year I have sold to Mr. Lovett my entire stock, (except a few plants kept for the fruit, on my farm near Geneva, Kansas. This variety is dwarf in its habits of growth, but the berries are very large and delicious. They are in my opinion, the best I have ever seen. Other varieties procured from other sources have all proven of less value every way. You are quite mistaken in saying that the fruit can be propagated by cuttings; at least they have invariably failed with me. There is no doubt that plants could be propagated by grafting, but the only practical way which I have found, is to take up the suckers from around the old bearing plants. All attempts to cultivate the species of *Amelanchier*, which is commonly found in our forest as a small tree have not resulted profitably, but the dwarf kinds are generally prized very highly.—H. E. VAN DEMAN, *Pomologist, Division of Pomology, Washington, D.C., Aug. 17, 1889.*

NOTE BY EDITOR.—In England the method of propagating the Juneberry and other trees by cuttings is frequently employed with success, though of course cuttings of any kind will succeed much more easily in that moist climate than with us.

## OUR FRUIT MARKETS.

### The Prospect for Apple Growers.

If the quantity of apples in our orchards in Ontario is small and the quality poor, there is, at least, some

satisfaction in the prospect of good prices; and after the sad experience of last year we shall consider it in no way unfair to take from consumers as