

barrels were brought in last year from the Counties of Huron and Grey, kept in cold storage, and sold at a fine advance this spring. The variety from Canada most sought for was the Northern Spy, a variety which reaches great perfection in the Province of Ontario; and next in popularity is the Greening, and then the Russets. If our growers can but establish a brand, and a character for honest packing, seeking it as earnestly as they do in the market of Great Britain, there is no reason why apples may not form an important article of export to the United States.

Mr. Napier thinks he may be able to forward this industry in Chicago in the near future.

FRUIT PROSPECTS.

BRANT CO.—*Sir*,—Cherries and pears will be a light crop. Apples almost a failure, except some early varieties—Kings and Greenings. Grapes and plums promise well.—J. R. HOWELL, *Brantford, Ont.*

CORNWALL.—*Sir*,—Strawberries, good crop; currants and gooseberries promises to be very good; no cherries or raspberries grown here; plums, a failure; apples, a poor crop.—W. S. TURNER, *Cornwall.*

CATARAQUI.—*Sir*,—Apples will not be more than one-quarter of a crop; pears, very few grown; plums, almost a failure, caused by curculio.—D. NICOL.

NANTY.—*Sir*,—As we have just finished picking strawberries, I take the liberty of reporting. From a bed of eight square rods we picked 400 quarts, at 7½c., \$30; of these, three rows were Bubach, great in yield and size; two rows Haverland, medium; one row Jessie, almost *nie*. Black currants, almost *nie*; Red Fay, fair crop; raspberries, Shaffer, enormous. Gooseberries, loaded; but, *sir*, I cannot see any difference between Downing and Pearl. Same in leaf and wood; the fruit is the same shape—round—and the same size. Of course, I may not have the pure thing; if so, I should like to know it. If I have, I think the public ought to know that they are no improvement on Downing.—STANLEY SPILLET.

[Our correspondent has, no doubt, planted the Downing in place of the Pearl. The latter is both larger and more productive than the former.—ED.]

OTTAWA.—*Sir*,—Strawberries have been very abundant; raspberries promise to yield one of the largest crops we have had for some years; currants, gooseberries and grapes are almost equally promising, although grapes will need careful spraying in order to prevent mildew. Summer apples are medium to poor crop; winter apples are almost a total failure. Plums and cherries, medium to poor. Pears are not raised to any extent. On the whole, the season will be characterized by a heavy crop of small fruits and a very light crop of tree fruits.—JOHN CRAIG, *Horticulturist, Experimental Farm.*

FRONTENAC COUNTY.—*Sir*,—It has now become quite evident that the apple crop here is almost a failure. In this district there will not be ten per cent. of a crop. Pears the same. Plums about the same. Blackberries (wild) abundant.—D. NICOL, *Cataraqui, Ont.*

CORNWALL COUNTY.—*Sir*,—Yours received, and as near as I can find out, the percentage of fruit is as follows:—Apples, 25 per cent.; plums, 20 per cent.; grapes, 75 per cent.; gooseberries, 100 per cent. No pears, peaches or blackberries grown here.—W. S. TURNER.

HALTON COUNTY.—*Sir*,—Percentages estimated as follows:—Apples, fall, 30 per cent.; Greening and Ribston, 50 per cent.; other winter varieties, 20 per cent.; pears, Bartletts, 30 per cent.; other kinds, 50 per cent.; plums, 100 per cent.; grapes, 100 per cent.; blackberries, 100 per cent. Peaches not much grown, but there will be more than usual.—GEO. BUNBURY.

PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY.—*Sir*,—In reply to yours, *re* fruit prospects for my district:—Apples, excepting Early Harvest and a few late summer varieties, not a quarter crop;