

badly, for some reason or other the canes are dead in large quantities, especially in old established Cuthbert plantations."

MR. JOHN CROIL, of Aultsville, in the county of Stormont, writes: "Strawberries here are completely demoralized from La Grippe of the frost, their growers generally *badly begripped too*. The usual covering of straw failing the addition of snow, has ruined our prospects for the season, and many of our growers seem to be discouraged. We fail to see why. In forty years' experience in strawberry culture, we have not had such a tale to tell, and our advice is, when every one is running; you walk. Replant your beds, they are likely to do in the future as well as they have done in the past, and the inevitable scarcity of our favorite fruit this year will enhance its value in coming ones. In our cold north it would be premature to predict the prospects for pears, cherries and plums, but we may say that in our section pears have always been unremunerative, except in the hands of the few persistent growers, who have had small returns from Bartlett, Flemish Beauty and Clapp's Favorite. Cherries have failed us for years, and plums nearly so.

MR. D. NICHOL of Cataraqui, in the county of Frontenac, writes: "Strawberries were badly injured by the winter. There being very little snow, plants were more exposed than usual. The bloom upon apple, pear and cherry trees is more abundant than usual, although about ten days later than last year."

MR. P. E. BUCKE, of Ottawa, writes: "Fruit prospects were never better in the Ottawa Valley than this spring. The only fruit which appears to have suffered is the Raspberry where not laid down, the snow fall last winter having been comparatively light, though we had uninterrupted sleighing from the 27th of November to the 20th of March. Pond's seedling and Glass's seedling, two of our hardiest cultivated plums, are showing a wonderful abundance of bloom. No pears can be grown here."

MR. THOS. BEALL of Lindsay, in the county of Victoria, writes: "The prospects for pears is the very best, but strawberries are nearly all winter killed.

From all these and other reports it is evident that while most fruit trees promise a great abundance and low prices must be expected in consequence, yet strawberries will be an unusually short crop, and good plantations will yield unusual profits.

FRUIT AS MEDICINE.

It is very seldom that fruit is taken as a preventive or cure for illness or disease, yet the value of many varieties in cases of slight ailments, and in some instances of serious indisposition, is indisputable, and advantage might well be taken of this fact by those engaged in the fruit trade to impress it upon the public more strongly. Of the various fruits—English and foreign