

1883. A Russian apple tree, now about 6½ feet high.

I received all these by post.

A. D. FERRIER,
FERGUS, Dec. 17/h, 1887.

BROCKVILLE, Dec., 1887.

SIR,—As suggested in your prospectus for this year, I choose from your very liberal list, "No. 4, Package of spring flowering bulbs." Your ever improving, and always welcome and instructive monthly, deserves the support of everyone owning either garden, orchard or house plants. How you can afford to give so much for so small a subscription, I cannot imagine, and I do hope you may be rewarded, as you deserve, by a largely increased subscription list for 1888.

Wishing you every possible success,

Yours truly,
JOHN COCHRANE.

BROCKVILLE, ONT.

SIR,—Please find enclosed my subscription to CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST for current

year. I could not think of doing without it.

The *Catalpa* you sent me two years ago, after doing first rate the first year, has this year withered and died. I think our climate is too cold for it.

The Ontario Strawberry has done splendidly. I have now from the three plants you sent me, over five hundred, and had fruit this summer which measured 6½ inches in circumference. The flavor is delicious. I think that next summer I will have all the fruit I want for home use, and some to spare.

Yours very truly,

D. S. MACDONALD.

MAHON BAY, N.S., Oct. 1st, 1887.

SIR,—The Dewberry received last year bore several berries this season. Jet black; larger than Snyder, and ripe with Gregg blackcap; poor flavor, will need mulching to keep the fruit clean.

W. M.

OSHAWA.

OUR MARKETS.

APPLES.—Our anticipations have been well sustained respecting the price of this fruit. They are quoted in Toronto @ \$3.00 for best winters, with upward tendency; Philadelphia, about ditto; Montreal, about ditto in car lots; while English market reports continue most encouraging, showing a sharp advance of prices. Choice varieties now bring about \$5.00 per bl. in Liverpool market.

ONIONS.—Messrs. Pancoast & Griffith, Philadelphia, write: "The Onion crop is generally reported quite light in the principal onion growing districts of the United States.

In Connecticut the crop does not average more than 275 bushels per acre, on her 800 acres, which is below her usual production, and is small, and bad keeping stock.

In New York the crop is not turning out 150 bushels per acre, on her 2,500 acres, against 248 bushels per acre last year.

About the same shortage is sustained in New Jersey, and similar reports are received from the west. Yellow Onions are now worth \$2.75 to \$3.00 per barrel. Dec. 8th.

In Toronto they were quoted, about the same date, at from \$3.25 to \$3.50 per bl.

POTATOES are reported a shorter crop than that of 1881, so that they should sell unusually high before spring. In Toronto retail prices range from 90 to 95 cts. per bushel for best qualities. In Montreal, on

Dec. 30, they were quoted at 75c. per bag in car lots.

Messrs. Pancoast & Griffith, Philadelphia, write: Dear Sir,—It is evident this spring we shall have to look elsewhere than to Maine for our supply of seed potatoes, and it occurs to us that some of your patrons might find it to their profit to ship unmixed Rose here the latter part of February and in March, when we shall have demand for several thousand barrels, principally for *pure Early Rose*. The demand is commencing already from Florida and Georgia, and we are selling the best Rose seed at \$3.25 per barrel here, and look for prices to rule up in February and March.

MONTREAL.—Messrs Vipond McBride write, "Trade is fairly brisk mainly in anticipation of holiday requirements; apples are easy, and inclined to be lower." They send quotations as follows:—Apples, best selected, \$3.00; car lots, \$2.25 to 2.75; Catawba grapes, 10c. to 12c. per lb.; dried apples 6 to 6½c. per lb.; evaporated ditto, 9 to 10c. per lb.

GRAPES.—A report of the sale of 150 baskets of Canadian Grapes, shipped to Glasgow, Scotland, last October, will appear in our February number. This and much other valuable matter has been crowded out of this number.—ED.