

but some varieties (Baldwins and Greenings) are light, while Spys are variable. Ben Davis promises fair, though many are falling. Kings and fall varieties are fair. All varieties are high colored for the time of year, but more or less spotting is already visible. Insects are not as numerous as in past seasons. As a whole, it will require very favorable weather to secure an average crop."

C. L. Stephens, the well-known horticulturist of Orillia, says that apples, so far as he can ascertain, from enquiry and observation, at present promise fairly well for quantity, and where fungus disease has not prevailed the quality and size will be extra fine. "Several varieties," adds Mr. Stephens, "are badly affected by black scab on fruit and leaves, but there is little or no trouble from any insect pest as yet. I think five and one-half bushels per tree is too high an estimate for this section, where most orchards are composed of comparatively small and young trees; four bushels will be nearer the thing. The fruit is, however, holding on well."

#### IN CENTRAL ONTARIO

"Everything," says Dundas and Flavell Brothers, of Lindsay, "points to a large and good apple crop in this section of the Province." "The prospects about Oshawa," writes Edwin Worden, "are for a yield about equal to that of 1900. Quality so far is also good, the fruit being clean and large."

"Apples about St. Catharines," writes Robert Thompson, "are clean, bright, and free from insect enemies. The fruit is already beginning to show color. The crop is not quite as heavy as in 1900, but the apples are holding on well and becoming a good size for so early in the season."

#### IN HURON AND BRUCE

A. E. Sherrington, Fruit Station, Walkerton: "Apples promise above an average

crop, but are suffering from fungus. The quality, I am afraid, is going to be poor. The fruit is holding on well, but foliage looks bad."

F. C. Elford, Homesville, Huron County: "The apple crop will not be as heavy as was anticipated, and from present appearances not as large as that of 1900. The fruit is holding on well, but is scabby."

N. D. McDougall, Tiverton, Bruce County: "The yield of apples in this section will not be as high as in 1900, this being the off year for Spys in this section. Early varieties, however, promise a good yield, but the average per tree all round will not go beyond four bushels. The fruit is clean and free from fungus and insect enemies. The apples are forming well, and hold strong to the branches."

#### BAY OF QUINTE DISTRICT

W. H. Dempsey, of the Fruit Station at Trenton, Bay of Quinte district: "There is a difference of opinion regarding the apple crop. Some growers say they promised a heavy yield, more than ever before; others say they expect only a little over half an average, that they cannot find more than two apples in a cluster, never three or four, and in a great many cases only single fruit. Some say, too, that the apples are dropping badly. A few people have a heavy crop of Baldwins and Kings; others have none. What orchards I have seen will not equal the estimate of 1900, 5½ bushels to a tree: about 3 bushels to a tree will be what they will give for trees from six years up to thirty or forty. There is considerable fungus, which no doubt accounts for so many apples dropping. There are no complaints from insects."

#### NORTH SIMCOE

G. C. Caston, Craighurst Experimental Station: "Apples generally will not be more than an average crop. Early apples