

CIRCULAR REPORT.

In accordance with my usual custom, I have the pleasure of submitting to you my reports regarding the prospects of the "Apple Crop" in the most important European Centres from which London often draws very large supplies—

France.—The northern sections report indifferent crops, except for "Cider Fruit." Southern sections, above an average, especially for those kinds generally forwarded to England.

Germany.—My correspondents from the best known districts appear almost unanimous in reporting that there will be almost no apples for export.

Belgium.—The reports are more varied; some districts show a fair average crop, but taking the average yield of past seasons with the probable estimate for this, a limited supply of the best kinds suitable for the English markets can only be reckoned upon.

Holland.—Will have a fair average crop, but chiefly of inferior kinds, the better class fruit being a comparative failure.

England.—In the principal apple districts a very early blight set in which practically destroyed our prospects; the home supplies are therefore reported to be the shortest on record.

The conclusion to be drawn from the above is, that a much earlier demand must set in, and that London will require a share of the early foreign shipments of prime fruit, although perhaps not to the extent of Liverpool and Glasgow during the first month, but later London will require supplies far exceeding the

average of previous years.—J. B. THOMAS, Covent Garden Market, London. 17th August, 1888.

Fruit in Ontario.

The dry season has not been without its effect upon orchard and garden. Although summer apples are rather small in size, fall and winter sorts will likely be well up to the average in size as well as quality. The borer and codlin moth have appeared in a few places, and occasional complaint is made of wormy apples, but the crop generally will be a good one. The pear blight is reported in portions of Kent, but the general yield will be an ordinary one. Stone fruits are all light in yield. Only a few correspondents in Lincoln speak hopefully of the peach; the majority report the crop as a failure. Plums and cherries are being steadily destroyed by the black knot, and where the plum has escaped that enemy it has been weakened by the curculion. In some of the Lake Erie counties, however the cherry is reported as having yielded a big crop of large fruit. In the grape growing counties a magnificent yield is anticipated, but in Oxford and Brant the rose bug attacked the vines as the grapes were budding and wrought much injury. Other small garden fruits have been about an average, except strawberries, which were hurt by the drouth of last summer and fall. In the County of Grey, where the huckleberry is regarded as a standard fruit, the crop is light.—*Bulletin for Aug., Bureau of Industries.*

REVIEW.

Transactions of the American Horticultural Society, Vol. v., 1888, W. H. Ryan, Greencastle, Indiana, Secretary. 550 pages, bound in cloth.

This volume embraces a report of the 8th Annual Meeting held at San Jose, Cal., Jan. 24, 25, and 26, and at Riverside, Cal., Feb. 7, 8, and 9, 1888, together with a full list of papers read, with accompanying discussions, also a sketch of the overland trip by John Clark Ridpath, L.L.D. It is free to members, the fee being \$2.00 per annum.

Eighth Annual Report of the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station for the year 1887. Geo. H. Cook, New Brunswick, N. J., Director. A report of the results of analysis of various commercial fertilizers, and the Sorghum Sugar industry.

Proceedings at the Thirteenth Annual Meeting of the American Association of Nurserymen, held at Detroit, 1888. C. A. Green, Rochester, N. Y.

This volume is got up in an attractive style, and contains many papers of great interest to nurserymen. We would advise all our Canadian nurserymen to unite with this Association and attend its meetings. The objects are relaxation, acquaintanceship, exhibition of fruits, plants, etc., and exchange and sale of stock, and the member's fee is \$2.00 per annum.

Price List Central Canada Exhibition Association, Ottawa, Sept. 24 to 29, 1888. R. C. W. MacCuaig, 39.

American Pomological Society. The next meeting will take place at Sanford, Orange Co., Florida, beginning Feb. 6, 1889. We hope some Canadian representatives may be in attendance.

Thirteenth Annual Report of the Montreal Horticultural Society. 1887-88. 123 pp. Secretary, W. W. Dunlop. P. O. box 1145. Montreal.

T. C. Robinson's Catalogue and Price List, 1888. Owen Sound, Ont.