

Oats, average. Hay, average, and well saved ; meadows, over average. Potatoes, average ; no blight, and nearly all sprayed. Turnips and mang-el, average. Harvest, September 1st.—T. A. McClure, J.P.

#### CARLOW.

Wheat, barley, oats, hay, and potatoes, over average. Turnips and mang-el, average. This will be a productive season all round. Hay crop is heavy, and well saved. Rain now required for turnip crop. Some damage done by grub to lea oats. Harvest will be early.—D. W. P. B.

Barley, oats, and mang-el, good average. Hay, over average. Potatoes, under average. Turnips, doubtful. Harvest, August 15th.—B. F. Bagenal, J. P.

#### CAVAN.

Oats, fully average, if not over. Beans, little or none ; what there is very good. Hay, light, but good quality, and well saved ; an average. Potatoes, good, over average. Turnips, not looking well, but as it is raining to-day (August 2nd) they will come on rapidly, and will probably be good average. Mang-el, good crop. Harvest, end of month.—Maxwell J. Boyle.

#### CORK.

Wheat, good, but little grown. Oats, straw long, heads heavy ; if weather is favourable will be an average. Hay, average in quantity ; first-rate in quality. Potatoes, very good. Turnips, bad, under average. Mang-el, bad, but field carrots are a good crop. Harvest, August 12th.—Redmond Reali.

Oats, hay, potatoes, and mang-el, over average. Turnips, average. Harvest, about the middle of August.—E. A. Shuldharn, (Lieut.-Col.).

Wheat, average. Oats, hay, potatoes, and mang-el, over average. Turnips, under average. Harvest, from 15th to 20th August.—James Byrne.

Wheat, very good, over average ; not extensively grown. Oats, most luxuriant crop ; if fine weather continues will be far over the average ; white and Tartary oats much grown. Hay, extremely good, and almost all well saved ; over average. New meadow hay is selling at 25s. per ton : old meadow hay at 20s. Potatoes never looked better ; will be over average. Spraying very much used, and apparently of great service. Early sown swedes, very patchy : later sown, looking better ; may be average. Mang-el look well ; average expected. Harvest, August 22nd.

This report is mostly Tipperary, but also includes part of Limerick and Cork.—John Ludgate.

Barley, full average. Oats, very good where new seed was used ; otherwise an average. Hay, heavy crop, over average, and saved in splendid condition. Potatoes, very good, and of excellent table quality : spraying, general. Turnips, good where sown in time. Mang-el, over average. Harvest, now beginning to cut, July 31st.—R. Barter.

Wheat, very little grown ; an average crop. Oats and mang-el, average. Hay, much above average ; good hay selling at 20s. and 25s. a ton. Potatoes, very good, above the average.

### The Orchard and Garden.

(CONDUCTED BY MR. GEO. MOORE).

#### THE PLANTING OF FRUIT TREES AND BUSHES

BY THE REV. FATHER-TRAPPISTS.

(From the French)

(Continued.)

#### V.

#### Gathering Fruit—Packing—The fruit-room

*Gathering the fruit.*—It is very difficult to indicate any exact time for gathering the fruit ; it varies with the year, the site of the Orchard, and the variety ; it is essentially a business which requires personal observation.

Whatever the nature of the fruit it must be harvested in dry, cloudless weather. Summer apples should be gathered a day or two before their complete maturity, and disposed of as soon as gathered, as they will then stand a journey better than if quite ripe. Autumn and winter apples keep all the better according to the longer time they take to ripen. They should be gathered before they are quite ripe. Plums and cherries should be quite ripe when gathered. The tree should never be shaken to make the fruit fall ; it would be bruised, rendered unsaleable, and would not keep long. Fruit should always be picked by hand ; never climb the tree, as that would bruise the bark and break the branches ; but use a step-ladder sufficiently long to reach the highest part of the tree. The fruit should be placed carefully in baskets, and taken to the packing-room in good condition.