

THE ELBERTA PEACH.



OUR comments in September number on the Elberta peach very much interested me, as I had just finished peeling a bushel or more of that peach for my wife to put in cans. I have fruited this peach for three years. Got the trees from Georgia, five or six years ago. The trees seem to be as hardy as our most hardy trees; bear full when other trees bear. With me the trees are not as large as other trees of the same age; late Crawford trees nearly one-third larger. My location not a good one for Crawfords. The Elberta trees yield with me five bushels to the Crawford's one. The Elberta, where the late Crawford does not do well, will prove a great acquisition. While the peach seems to be everything desired in a late peach, the tendency to rot when ripening is greater than in other peaches. The rot does not extend through the whole peach, but will be on one side, often only a small spot, the rest of the peach sound and good. These spots may be caused by being stung by some insect. There are so many good peaches on the trees, that one will hardly notice the few that show decay. I conclude by saying that the tree is hardy, a great bearer, and the peach in size, color, attractiveness and quality, all that can be desired.

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THE APPLE CROP.

In Ontario.—After an extended tour of the Province, the writer can make little change in his report of the condition of the apple crop in Ontario. All through the South, from Niagara to Windsor, the same doleful tale of failure is repeated, and confirmed by a view of the trees. The same is true along the northern shore of Lake Ontario, until you near Trenton, where some orchards are pretty well loaded. So also, as we proceed northward from Toronto, there are scarcely any apples till you come to the south shore of the Georgian Bay, where we found some orchards quite heavily loaded with fruit. Some growers there are on the safe side in their estimate of 60 per cent. of a full crop.

In Nova Scotia.—Mr. John Craig sends us the following interesting note concerning the condition of the apple harvest in Nova Scotia. In a letter from S. C. Parker, of Berwick, N. S., he says: "With the great show of blossom it was thought that the fruit crop was setting very lightly, but since that time it has steadily improved till to-day in King's County, I am convinced there are more apples than ever grew here in one year before. Gravensteins are a full crop; Kings 110, Baldwin 110, and the winter apple a full crop. Plums are wonderfully prolific. A gentleman in Wolfville is harvesting at least 400 bushels, while a near neighbor of ours has picked 150 bushels from an orchard seven years out. Cranberries are also a splendid crop. Mr. Parker further states that the dry weather, however, has had the effect of decreasing the size of the fruit and hastening its maturity."