

## Notes on Fruit Crop Reports.

W. W. HILLBORN:—Very few grape vines about Leamington old enough to bear fruit; nearly all were killed at the same time the peach trees were destroyed.

M. PETTIT:—All kinds of fruit trees are looking healthy and free from fungus. There are fewer insect enemies than usual.

A. W. PEART:—Conditions have been unfavorable for fungi, and the canker worm and tent caterpillar are being kept pretty well under control.

W. H. BUNTING:—The most serious effects of the frosts of May 9th and 10th are found in the Early Crawford peach orchards; where far removed from water, nearly all crops destroyed. A large percentage of the fruit buds were destroyed. Insects and fungi very little; the tent caterpillar has appeared in unsprayed orchards; the peach curl is not serious; apples are particularly fine and clear of scab; and altogether the fruit crop should be fairly satisfactory this season if a proper distribution of it can be made.

STANLEY SPILLETT:—A small mite attacked the pear leaves, causing the leaf to have a blistered appearance; currants last year were attacked by the same or a similar insect, which works from the under side of the leaf. I found dusting with powder of Paris green and lime beneficial. The gooseberry worm made its appearance ten days ago in myriads, but one application of twelve ounces of Paris green to 45 gals. of water, with milk of lime destroyed them. Gooseberry mildew has not yet appeared.

I. G. MITCHELL:—No trouble whatever from insects or fungi so far.

W. W. COX:—I am surprised the pears and apples look so clean and good, for it rains everytime we spray. We had it wet and cold all spring, and I am surprised that so much fruit has set.

H. J. SNEEGROVE:—There is a marked absence of noxious insects and fungi this season. June bugs destroyed the buds and blossoms of the plum trees in many places. In Northumberland County, horticulturists have found the Fameuse apple stung with an insect which appears in effect to resemble the curculio. This pest has not been noticed in this district before and is a mystery. Spraying was never practised so generally as this season.

W. H. DEMPSEY:—Insects have not been as numerous as in other seasons. Fungus is growing fast on some varieties of fruit.

H. JONES:—Fameuse, which is largely grown here, has set a good crop, and are well formed and growing rapidly. Fungi is showing where spraying has been omitted. Very few insects, but the Tussock moth is appearing in large numbers in some orchards.

THOS BEALL:—The outlook for fruit growers is rather gloomy this season. Pear bloom first upon May 17th; from that date until June 14th, 28 days, rain fell on twenty-one days. Consequently the apple crops in this section will be much under the average. Grape vines are healthy but late, and I think they will not ripen their fruit this season.

CHARLES YOUNG:—A cold, wet spring, but fruit trees have set twice the fruit they ought to mature. If the crops throughout Ontario can be judged by that in St. Joseph Island, there will no \$5.00 a barrel paid this season. I have no hesitation in saying that all Japan plums are harder than European, and even harder than some of the Americans

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