

MR. T. H. RACE, of Mitchell, in the County of Perth, writes: "Judging from the present show of blossom buds, the promise was never better in this section for an abundant crop of apples, plums, pears and cherries. Small fruits do not promise so well, with the exception perhaps of currants and gooseberries. Strawberries were badly killed in the vine during the winter; there was no covering of snow to protect them, and the continued open weather with alternate frosts and thawings played havoc with them. The Gregg and Cuthbert raspberries have also suffered badly from the sudden climatic changes, and will not yield an average crop."

MR. N. J. CLINTON, of Windsor, in the County of Essex, writes: "Pears show favorably for a good average crop, although not quite up to last year. The old French trees have shown few blossoms; this seems to be their off year."

MR. FRED. MITCHELL, of Innerkip, in the County of Oxford, writes: "By present appearances, strawberries will not be more than half a crop. During the past winter so little snow fell that exposure weakened all and even altogether destroyed many fields. Cherries are not grown on account of the black knot. Pears are loaded with blossoms."

MR. SIMON ROY, of Berlin, in the County of Waterloo, writes: "The crop of apples, pears and plums in this county will probably be abundant, provided that no such calamity as that experienced on the 28th of May of last season occurs. The present season is about fourteen days later than last year, consequently we may escape. As an almost anticipated consequence on the almost total destruction of both apples and plums last year, we may be almost exempt from those insect pests which are almost uncontrollable, by leaving no chance for their perpetuation. During my experience of some forty years, more or less, in Canada, connected with horticultural matters, I have invariably found that in seasons of early fine weather, very indifferent fruit crops were produced. I have noticed particularly the abundance of blossom buds on the various varieties of pear trees, which are really wonderful, and if one pear is produced in twenty blossoms, the crop will be large enough. Cherry trees are largely destroyed with the black knot in this county, but what few trees are left seem to be well loaded with bloom. The past open winter has been disastrous to the strawberry plantations, and, from what I can learn, the crop of fruit will be only about one third. The alternate freezing and thawing of the winter has made sad havoc to plantations not protected by straw. Raspberries in exposed situations have been injured. Many of the popular Cuthbert canes are killed to the ground. The newer varieties such as Golden Queen and Marlboro' appear safe."

MR. GEORGE BUNBURY, of Oakville, in the county of Halton, writes: "Pears in this section are crammed with blossoms. Cherry trees are also well filled. Strawberry plantations are fair to good in some places. Raspberries promise