

reports are made, except from a few favored localities, such as those sheltered by the Niagara escarpment. One of these is the neighbourhood of Grimsby, where in a narrow strip of land between the "mountain" and the lake, we are able to report an almost entire immunity from the frost. The young tips of the grape vines were touched, but not the fruit bunches, potatoes were very little hurt, and even corn escaped being cut down, except in some few places. Some cherries are dropping, but not enough to prevent our having a good crop. Pears are very scant, having set poorly. Apples bid fair to be a good average as will be seen from Mr. Pettit's report below. One singular thing about the apple crop is that the Greenings have changed their bearing from the even to the odd year, and thus have wisely parted company with the Baldwins, which are scarcely bearing at all this year. Another is that the King apple trees are this year loaded as heavily as that prodigious bearer the Greening, which is not at all consistent with its previous record of scanty crops.

In Western New York, according to the latest reports, plums, pears, peaches and grapes are almost totally destroyed, cherries are much damaged, except the Biggareaus, and even the apple crop has suffered very seriously.

Altogether from the reports published below, and from the accounts received from other sources, it would appear that those who are fortunate enough to have a crop of fruit this year, will do unusually well, for the supply must be far below the average.

The outlook in Great Britain is also quite poor for the British fruit grower. Both "*The Garden*" and "*The Gardeners' Chronicle*" report that the apples have set very poorly, and that the prospect now is for a very light crop. We will be cautious about shipping heavily to Britain after last year's experience, yet means of transporation are becoming so easy that any advance of price in the foreign market soon affects our home markets.

Our readers will be interested in the following reports from prominent growers in Ontario:—

#### Oxford County.

SIR,—Your card inquiring as to fruit prospects, to hand Saturday evening. Apples, pears, plums, and grapes are practically destroyed by the late severe frost. There are yet a few apples hanging to the branches but I think there is but little doubt that these will fall shortly. There will be no cherries here. The black knot has destroyed nearly all the trees in the district, and the frost took the very little fruit on the few branches not totally destroyed by the knot. In strawberries, Crescents, and a few other hardy varieties, will be a fair crop. Sharpless, and other large varieties will not produce more than from one-third to a one-half crop. In currants, blacks will not be more than a half or  $\frac{2}{3}$ . White Grape is perhaps a little better, Red Dutch will produce nearly a full crop, the other red varieties from one-half to a two-third crop. Gooseberries will be nearly or quite a full crop. In Raspberries, Cuthberts and Greggs promise an enormous crop. Some of the earlier varieties were somewhat injured by the frost already referred to of the 29th of May. In flowers, roses, (which up to the 29th promised an abundant crop) will now produce but a very small first crop of bloom.—FRED MITCHELL, *Innerkip*.

#### Lincoln County.

SIR,—In reference to the prospects of the fruit crop in this section of Ontario, opinions differ widely, just in proportion to the extent of damage caused by the late frost. Well may one give expression to his feelings of despair when he looks over a fine patch of strawberries, that told him a few days before to lay by a good stock of baskets and crates, and now to find them almost worthless; or to see a fine vineyard, nicely cultivated and trained to the trellises, with the foliage destroyed and the berries drying up and falling off. Happy, however, this unfortunate state of affairs is not general, some escaping; those near the moun-