

CANADIAN APPLES IN ENGLAND.

SIR.—I send you an extract from the *Canadian Gazette* published in London, England, respecting the Canadian apple trade which may be of interest.

WM. WHITE, *Ottawa*.

Extract.

“It is astonishing what strides the Canadian apple trade with England is making this season. In the shops ‘Canadian apples’ is now one of the foremost brands, and Canada has every reason to feel proud of the display she is thus making on all British fruit-stalls. What better evidence could one have of the quality of the Canadian climate than is supplied by these juicy caskets of bottled sunshine? In price, too, Canada more than holds her own. As Messrs. Woodall report elsewhere, the sums actually paid at Liverpool for the Canadian fruit is from 25 to 50 per cent. higher than those paid for Maine, Boston, and New York fruit, and, even at the advanced prices, Canadians are reported as scarce. Canada has a great field here for her fruits as well as as her grain, dairy, and live stock produce.”

CUTTING RUNNERS OFF STRAWBERRY PLANTS.

SIR.—Would it be advisable to cut off the runners of newly planted strawberry plants for the first year. We are informed that the crop for the next season would be larger and of better quality than if the plants were allowed to form runners.

ALLAN BROS., *Winona*.

There is no doubt that finer fruit would be obtained by keeping the runners well cut off. This could be accomplished by going over them about three times during the summer. There would, however, be fewer berries. A few runners may be allowed to strike to fill in vacant places, but unless it is desirable to propagate the variety, it would be better not to allow the new plants to grow too closely in the rows. Otherwise, they would act the same as weeds would in checking the growth, and interfere with the good results which it is desirable to obtain.

PLANTING BLACKBERRIES AND RASPBERRIES.

SIR.—What is the proper distance between rows of red and black raspberries and blackberries in case they are to be cultivated one way only?

A. W. G., *St. Thomas*.

We are in the habit of planting raspberries in rows from five to six feet apart, and blackberries eight feet apart. If closer than this, there is some difficulty in cultivation with horses. They should be kept well cut back and this will very much facilitate cultivation.