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many growers, making a hurried inspection of their orchards, would overlook the upper branches and presume from an inspection of only the lower ones that the crop was an entire failure.

OTHER DISTRICTS

The injury in Lambton county has not been so great as in the Niagara District although here, too, the crop has been much reduced by frost. The white flesh varieties and Smocks have a fair percentage of live buds. Commercial varieties have not such a good showing, but the feature noted—that buds on lower branches were more severely injured than upper ones—was particularly noticeable here. The crop in Lambton county is never a large one—comparatively—and this year will be materially lessened. The fact that the injury was not so serious as in the Niagara peninsula may be credited to the fact that the county escaped the severity of the January frost and was only affected to any serious extent by the later one in February. Consequently, many of the hardier buds escaped injury, and on the varieties mentioned the indications are that a fair crop will be harvested and that even on the more commercial sorts the crop will not be a complete failure.

In the Essex peninsula the prospects are that a full crop of all varieties will be produced. In some instances, the fruit will have to be thinned. The entire southwestern portion of Ontario seems to have escaped the worst of the cold weather, and the lowest temperature recorded in Ruthven (Essex) was four degrees below zero. The contrast between that section and the Niagara peninsula is a great one, and prices to the growers will be high. There is still some danger to be expected from a late spring frost, but once that is past the growers may feel assured of a crop quite as large as any harvested in previous years. It must be remembered that the acreage under peaches is yet a small one. Planting is being extensively done, and within a few years the Essex peach crop will have an appreciable effect upon the market. Even this year, in spite of the comparatively small number of Essex orchards in bearing, and in view of the scarcity of the fruit in Niagara, the crop will make a perceptible impression.

A short visit was made to Simcoe, in Norfolk county. Very few peach orchards have reached a bearing age, and on these the buds are practically all killed. Fair heavy plantings are being made.

Items of Interest

In British Columbia Provincial Horticulturist R. M. Winslow, after a trip of inspection through orchards in all sections of the Okanagan Valley, from Penticton north, reports that no sign of damage to fruit trees was found. A record breaking crop is promised for both apples and soft fruit.

While in Calgary recently Mr. T. W. Macoun, Dominion Horticulturist, expressed surprise that so few people in southern Alberta were growing vegetables and fruit. Experiments conducted at the Experimental Farm at Lethbridge, show that fruit can be grown successfully. Vegetables may also be grown to advantage. "The farmer," said Mr. Macoun, "who will grow fruit and vegetables under the trees will make as large a fortune as the one who grows wheat, and wheat only."