

ADDITIONAL FRUIT REPORTS.

Since the Journal has been printed, the following reports concerning the damage to our fruits has been received :—

MR. W. M. ORR, of Fruitland, Director for the Counties of Wentworth, Wellington, Waterloo, Halton, Dufferin and City of Hamilton, writes :—The prospect for fruit in the district lying immediately under the mountain at Winona is good. The vineyards and plum and pear orchards promise a full crop. He encloses, however, from Mr. A. W. Peart, Secretary of the Burlington Fruit Growers' Association, the following approximate estimate of the damage done in the Burlington district by the frost of May 13th :—“ Apples damaged 15 to 25 %, pears 25 to 30 %, plums 20 to 25 %, peaches no bloom at all, grapes 25 to 30 %, strawberries 30 to 40 %, raspberries not much damaged, blackberries 15 to 25 %, currants and gooseberries very little if any injury. As the bloom is very profuse here, the indications on the whole are that we will have a full average crop of fruit.”

MR. W. E. WELLINGTON, Toronto, representing the Counties of York, Ontario, Peel, Cardwell, and City of Toronto, says :—The fruit prospects in South Ontario seem to be very good, notwithstanding the severe frosts. Reports of the 21st of May state the prospects for a crop of apples, pears, plums and cherries as good. Plums and cherries have set well and at that date the frost had not injured them. It is too early for apples and pears to set, but the stems look all right. Grapes and strawberries are injured slightly, raspberries and blackberries all right. Letters from the central portions of York, on the 20th of May, report that the prospects for fruit were never so bright until the frost. The frost injured all kinds of small fruits, cherries, plums and also early apples, so there will probably be hardly half a crop. Late apples have a chance of getting through all right. From Orangeville, on the 27th of May, the report is that cherries, plums and early apples are all frozen, and that raspberries, currants, gooseberries and pears will be hardly half a crop. There will not be fruit enough to supply home demand.

MR. A. McNEILL, of Windsor, representing the Counties of Essex, Kent and Lambton, writes :—I have gathered a very full report of the crop prospects to date. Apples, plums and pears promise an average crop and were not injured by frost. Peaches on clay ground were winter-killed, but the peaches on sandy loam came through all right. The crops of raspberries, currants and gooseberries are all in good order; strawberries reduced to one-half by frost. The injury to the grape crop is so great that there will not remain more than 10 to 20 per cent. in Essex, while in Pelee Island, with a probable crop of 250 tons, was not affected by the frost.

MR. J. A. MORTON, of Wingham, Director for the Counties of Huron, Bruce and Grey, writes :—There will be a small fruit crop this year in this section of the country. Early apples will be a failure. Some of the late blooming trees escaped the frost, but the extent of injury to them is not yet apparent. Plums and cherries have suffered severely. The cold was especially severe, and many so-called hardy plants and trees were badly frozen.

MR. W. S. TURNER, of Cornwall, representing the Counties of Renfrew, Russell, Lanark and Carleton, writes :—The reports are varied. The effect of the frost seems to have been more severe in some places than in others. Apples are largely destroyed in some parts, and the plums are still more severely damaged. Grapes are about half destroyed.

The report from the vicinity of Fonthill is discouraging. MR. MORRIS writes :—The damage in this neighborhood, as near as can be ascertained, is about 95 per cent. on grapes, 75 per cent. on pears, plums, cherries and peaches, and 50 per cent. on apples and strawberries.
