

Mr. Albert Pay, St. Catharines: "Your favor of Nov. 3rd duly received. In reply would say that I do not consider spraying an experiment any longer. The results from spraying the last two years in my orchard have given very satisfactory results, especially this year. On account of so much rain at the time the spraying was done, it is all the more pleasing to note the beneficial results. Some of the sprayed trees, especially Northern Spy and Greenings, had a full crop, fully eighty to eighty-five per cent. of which were perfect, while the unsprayed trees did not have half a crop, and which would not have been over 40 per cent. of clean fruit. I would very much like to see the spraying continued on the same trees another year. I am fully convinced that to grow paying crops of fruit we must spray thoroughly. I had very satisfactory results from spraying my pears and plums also. The fruit from this section for the past number of years has not been of so good a quality as I would like, but from the experience I have through your Department during the past two seasons, I am fully convinced we can by thorough spraying produce as good apples as any section of Ontario. Quite a number of our fruit growers have visited my orchard and compared the fruit as it was on the trees, and all were fully convinced of the benefit of spraying. To more fully show the benefits of spraying I placed a basket of sprayed and one of unsprayed in a leading fruit dealer's store in our city, which was more convincing than talking. Mr. Orr, your Superintendent, and his assistant, Mr. McNeilly, were very painstaking in having the work done thoroughly, and also in explaining how the Bordeaux mixture was made, and the proper time for putting it on, to any of the growers who were there on the day the spraying was done, which was a great benefit to a good many. To allow you to personally see some of the samples, I will send by express a basket of some of the sprayed and unsprayed, each variety named, it will hardly be necessary to say which was sprayed. If I can give you any further information I will be pleased to do so."

Mr. George Adams, Smithville: "In reply to your letter about the value of spraying, I have eleven Spy trees. Eight of them were sprayed, and the result was 24 barrels of the finest fruit I ever picked from them; I sold them for \$2.50 per barrel; and four barrels of culls at \$1.00 per barrel—28 in all. These culls were not spotted, but were under size and wormy. The three Spy trees not sprayed gave three barrels of badly spotted fruit which sold for \$2 per barrel, and about ten bushels of culls which I sold for \$1.25 for the lot. There were six other trees sprayed; Snows, Roxbury Russet, Newton Pippin, Canada Red, and Ben Davis, which had from one to three barrels of nice clean fruit per tree. Other trees of the same variety had none worth picking on them. The trees were sprayed seven times. Five times the spraying was followed by rain within one to six hours. My trees were never sprayed before. My snow apples have been spotted for the last twelve or fourteen years."

Mr. C. G. Davis, Freeman: "Yours of Nov. 3rd to hand. I think spraying is valuable when carried on properly. This was a very bad year for a test, so much wet in first part of season—latter part so dry. We cannot give you a definite statement of the actual increase of apples of better quality where the spraying was done, as I live at Burlington and this farm is 20 miles away. I forgot to tell the men to pick the apples sprayed by Mr. Orr, and keep them separate. Since receiving, I asked Mr. Mackay, the man in charge of farm his opinion. He thought there was fully one-third more of Spys, and of better quality on the trees sprayed six times. The other part of the orchard we sprayed ourselves, only twice, and on the trees left by Mr. Orr, as not sprayed at all, the fruit was quite inferior. I would suggest that labels be got out for the trees sprayed three times, six times, and not at all, to be nailed to each tree so that there would be no doubt as to how the trees were treated. We neglected to get a plan from Mr. Orr, and probably in that way the thing was overlooked. I am very sorry that we cannot give you something more definite, but I think spraying, no doubt, is a great help for procuring good fruit."

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