

APPLE NEWS.

The Fruit Crop.

SIR,—The good report which I sent you for publication in the HORTICULTURIST some time ago will have to be modified a little. The apple tree twig blight which appeared to be noticed here for the first time last summer, has again visited us, and is doing great injury to the orchards in this district. It is first noticed at the extremity of the small twigs, though oftentimes it attacks limbs an inch or more in diameter, and that in the middle of the limb. The fruit immediately ceases growing, and the disease spreads both ways and will eventually kill the tree. The Ben Davis seems particularly subject to it, the writer having lost two fine trees, also one Wallbridge and one Duchess Oldenburg, and a Golden Russet. A neighbor of mine has also lost several Ben Davis.

It is well to sound a note of alarm about this disease. One of our members, Mr. D. Monroe, of Cedar Brae, Cornwall, has already sent samples of infected trees to Professor Craig, Ottawa, and that gentleman's answer has been published in our local papers. His instructions are, to immediately prune the affected limbs and burn them, taking care to disinfect the shears, saws, etc., used in the work.

I would also supplement this by scraping the loose bark off the lower part of the large limbs and trunks of *all* the trees, and wash with strong soap-suds, thus inducing a vigorous, healthy growth, which will help to ward off this, or any other disease fruit trees are subject to. The tent caterpillar is also making his annual visit. Cut off the infested limb, sprinkle a little coal oil on and burn it.

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THE EUROPEAN APPLE CROP.

Messrs. Simon Shuttleworth & Co., of Liverpool, write :—

SIR,—Since our last advice of June 15th, we have had more specific crop information from our people in Europe, and have ourselves travelled over several thousand miles of the United States and Canada. Regarding Europe, we beg to summarise as follows :

England and Scotland will be short of apples, especially for winter use.

Ireland has a good crop, but cuts no figure. It is expected that all of these will be used up before the American and Canadian crop begin moving in any quantity.

Holland will not likely have over one-third of a crop.

Belgium and France.—We take these together, as the apple crop this year