

APPLE REPORTS from Great Britain state that the great storms which have recently swept the British coast, have not only stripped the trees of their fruit, but ruined many of the orchards.

A FROST on Sunday night the 11th October, badly injured the grape crop not yet gathered in the Niagara District. Some growers have lost tons of their finest varieties. Evidently it pays to be forehanded with fruit gathering.

APPLES SHOULD BE GATHERED EARLIER than is customary. Not only does a large part waste by dropping through delay, but those hanging become over ripe for keeping. We found it none too early to begin harvesting our winter apples this season about the middle of September.

CURIOUS FREAK.—Mr. J. H. Wismer, Port Elgin, sends us a cross section of an apple which, on its exterior appears to be half a green apple and half a red apple. The line of division is clearly marked, and not only is the coloring of each half quite distinct, but even the dots and other characteristics. Does cross fertilization sometimes take effect upon the fruit as well as upon the seed?

APPLES HAVE DONE WELL enough in Great Britain this season, where quality has been first-class. We shipped 59 bls. of Gravenstein, Fall Pippin, Twenty Ounce, Wealthy, etc. Some of the Gravensteins' and Wealthy sold at 17/6, and the whole lot netted us \$1.50 per barrel. One hundred and fifty barrels of Greenings shipped on the 19th September, sold, averaged 10/ and netted about \$1. We expect to hear better reports of the colored varieties.

"EUROPE DEVOURING AMERICA'S APPLES," is the heading of a column of the New York Telegram. The article draws attention to the immense crop of apples in the U. S. and Canada and the unprecedented quantities being sent forward. The shipment from all American ports up to date of about September 30, is 429,530 lbs., whereas to the same date last year the total was only 39,309, an increase of about a thousand per cent.

NEW SOCIETIES.—Now is the time for preliminary work. A public meeting should be called—provisional officers appointed—and some one engaged to canvas for new members. Fifty members are needed, and the final organization must be complete soon after January 1st.

Mr. Thomas Bealle, one of our Directors, will visit any place where his services are needed, free of charge, during the month of November, if application is made to the Secretary of the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association, Grimsby. He will thoroughly explain the working of such societies, and the proper method of forming the same.