

## THE SMALL FRUIT CROP REPORT.

THE CONDITIONS.—The month of May just passed has been noted above all precedent for rain. Only three fine days out of the last eighteen, just at the time when the bloom has fallen, and the third spraying should be made. The Weather Bureau reports ten inches of rain fall during the month, which passes all record. The ground is so wet we cannot drive on it to spray, even on a fine day; seeds of vegetables and even grains are rotting in the ground; tender trees, especially the peach is suffering severely, not only with leaf curl, but from the excessive wet in the soil. For nearly a month the conditions even in the best drained soil, are much the same as when peaches are planted in wet soil, and the result is the leaves are dying and falling and the peach orchards which gave promise of an abundant crop, now look sickly. The gooseberry mildew is gaining fast upon us; cherry rot has appeared and no doubt apple and pear will follow, unless we can soon apply the Bordeaux mixture. But thus far the apple and pear crop promises a prodigious yield. The young fruit never set better, it holds firmly to the trees, and looks clean and bright. So possibly our British Markets will awake to the fact that Canada's apple crop is worth competing after, notwithstanding the failures of recent years.

In addition to the evil effects of too much rain, great injury has resulted in Central and Northern Ontario from severe frosts from which small fruits and grapes have suffered severely.

REPORTS.—The following inquiries have been sent out to various parts of Ontario, in order to procure reliable information about the prospective fruit crops, viz. :—

1. *Please give per cent. of a full crop of small fruits?*
2. *What percentage of cherry crop is affected with rot? of gooseberry with mildew?*
3. *What damage by frost?*
4. *What by rain?*

*Southern Ontario.*—W. M. Orr, Stoney Creek: (1) Strawberries 85, Cherries 90, Currants 90, Gooseberries 100, Raspberries 80; (2) No rot nor mildew; (3) Very little; (4) Peach trees suffering.

C. M. Honsberger, Jordan Station: (1) Strawberries 50, Cherries 10, Currants 90, Gooseberries 90, Raspberries 100; (2) Cherries 50, Gooseberries 25; (4) 10 per cent.

I. H. Broderick, St. Catharines: (1) Strawberries 90, Sour cherries 50, Sweet cherries 90, Currants 50, Raspberries 50; (3) Raspberries 50.

E. Morden, Niagara Falls South: (1) 75 to 100; (3) Frost last night, 29th, did a good deal of damage to strawberries.

Chas. Lowry, St. Davids: (1) Cherries 25, other small fruits 75.

W. V. Hopkins, Burlington: (1) Strawberries 95, Cherries 60, Currants and Gooseberries 65, Raspberries, 75.

Alex. McNeill, Windsor: (1) Small fruits about 90; (2, 3, 4) No mildew, no damage from frost or rain.

A. W. Graham, St. Thomas: (1) Small fruits a full crop. I never saw them look better. Raspberries, say 80 per cent. Most cherry trees in this section have been destroyed by black knot, but what trees are left, are loaded with fruit. No rot. There is also little