

OPEN LETTERS.

Profits of Forestry.

SIR,—I think I can prove that if I had planted one hundred acres of timber when you did the fruit, I could now buy up any three orchards. A factory here will take all ash and locust at six inches in diameter, and that will grow in a very few years. I feel sure that I can start now, and raise a good many crops of such timber in an ordinary lifetime.

NORWOOD, ONT.

T. M. GROVER,

Fruit at Arnprior.

SIR, I have taken your valuable paper now three years. The first year's plant (a Fay's currant) died. I received one the next year along with the Marlboro raspberry. It has made rapid growth, but has not borne. I have four kinds of red currants, Fay's, Moore's Ruby, Raby Castle and Cherry, none of which bore any to speak of last year. The Marlboro is a good bearer, and a few days earlier than the Cutlibert. They have all to be laid down in the fall. My geranium did well and was much admired. Wishing your valuable paper much success in the coming year.

WM. FARMER.

ARNPRIOR, ONT.

Fruit in Grey County, Ont.

THE Deutzia I received in 1884, seems to be too tender for this part, even with some protection in winter; it has never grown very strong. The Russian apple tree I got in 1885, was killed almost to the ground, although some grafts set in other trees, were uninjured. This year the Dewberry made a feeble attempt at fruiting.

ROBERT SCOTT,

HOPESVILLE, ONT.

Fruit in Russell County.

SIR,—The Prentiss grape, received in 1883, was killed the first winter. The Canada Baldwin, received in 1884, has a good constitution. The one I got had ill-usage from geese and sheep, but it is growing well. Fay's Currant, Yellow, Transparent and Russian cherry, are all doing well.

I may add, that the Fameuse, McIntosh Red apples, have been killed, back with me. Of grapes, the Delaware, Salem, Agawam, Jefferson, Concord, Worden, Champion and Martha succeed well. In apples, the Haas is the best grower, and hardly so far; the Walbridge is a good grower and hardy; the Duchess, Wealthy and Scott's Winter are good; the Peach apple is hardy, but the Baxter and the Gideon do not seem to be so hardy. The Cutlibert raspberry is tender, but the Turner is good, hardy and productive.

ANDREW WALKER,

METCALFE, ONT.

Fruit at Ayr.

SIR,—My pears did well last year. I had 50 barrels, all good Flemish Beauties. They are on sod, and pastured; no blight. Clapp's Favorite did well, it is a good pear to eat, and large. I had a large crop of apples, but there is no sale around Ayr for summer apples.

Grimes' Golden did well. It is a good apple, and a healthy tree. I allowed 11 pigs, 60 turkeys, 50 ducks, and 150 hens to run all summer in the orchard. The pigs did well; when killed the weight was 300 lbs. on an average. Yours, etc.,

FERGUS ANDERSON.

AYR, ONT., Dec., 1887.

REVIEW.

Reports.

FORESTRY REPORTS, 1885 and 1886. Compiled at the instance of the Government of Ontario. By R. W. Phipps, Toronto, Ontario.

We would recommend every reader of this journal who is at all interested in the important subject of forestry, and in the preservation of our native forest trees, to apply to Mr. Phipps for a copy of these reports, and study them carefully. A valuable feature of the report for 1885, is a classified list of native Canadian trees, with a brief description of

each. That of 1886 contains a statement of the amount of firewood still standing in older settled Ontario; references to the pine forests of Ontario, describing present method of management, and suggestions of possible improvement; information concerning forestry in other countries; and recommendations for future action. We hope to have occasion to draw upon the information here given for the benefit of our readers.

HISTORY OF MICHIGAN HORTICULTURE. By President T. T. Lyon, 1887.

A copy of this work has been sent us by Secretary Garfield. It is a compact volume