

rants falling badly at present ; raspberries promise great things, but if drought continues much longer, will suffer ; but where cultivation has been attended to, they will stand a pretty hard racket of drought. Strawberries in hills permit closer cultivation and stand drought better than matted rows. Gooseberries suffered most from May frost : they came out in spring without the loss of a twig and bloomed most profusely ; even the nursery rows taken from the mounds this spring were a mass of bloom, but only 30 % of a full crop survived the frost, and this fruit is altogether in the centre of the bushes. Neglect to prune had a reward for once. Many of the one-year bushes received for "Experimental Advt.," were poorly rooted. The severe drought of last summer was not favorable for layering, and quite a few have died in spite of all the petting I could give, even to watering. Two-year old plants are growing rapidly. So far, Red Jacket seems to have the lead, it is immensely vigorous ; Chautauqua and Queen good second. No sign of mildew to this date ; both fungicides seem to be equally efficacious. In mounding up my gooseberries last summer, I used nitrate of soda in the hills, with the result that many of the mounds had to be undermined and jarred with the end of a blunt stake to get them apart.

MR. T. H. RACE, representing Perth and Middlesex, writes :—Reports received justify the conclusion that there is practically no fruit in this district, except late apples. Strawberries are no crop, raspberries will amount to nothing, currants not a quarter crop, gooseberries all gone except some of the smaller varieties, cherries only here and there a few on some sheltered tree, and plums and pears nothing. All the summer apples, including the Duchess, have dropped off ; Colverts are showing a few, Talman Sweets a good half crop, and Baldwins, Ribston Pippins, Russets and several other winter varieties are showing very well. The Grimes Golden is a better crop than last year, so is the King ; but about here it is an off-year with the Northern Spy. On the whole, there will be a good half crop of late fall and winter apples.

MR. WM. MICHAEL, representing York and Ontario, writes :—From what I can learn of the fruit crop in this section, would say winter apples a fair crop, earlier varieties about half a crop, strawberries about half a crop, raspberries a good crop if the dry weather does not continue too long ; plums, pears and cherries light crop ; grapes were all cut down by the frost in May, but have come out again and are fairly well loaded with fruit ; the foliage on fruit trees looks well and healthy.

MR. W. S. TURNER, representing Stormont, Dundas, Glengary and Prescott, writes :—I should have written you sooner, but could not get replies in time. The fruit prospects are as follows, which you will see does not vary much from my former report :—Apples, varied reports ; in some parts the damage by the heavy frosts were very serious, in fact, almost disastrous ; in other districts, where the trees were apparently spared, the fruit has dropped. In some other parts, the frosts seemed to pass by the orchards, notably, that of Mr. Blacklock's, where the spraying experimental tests are being carried on and conducted by our own Mr. Pettit and his staff. Plums a failure, almost total loss ; grapes half a crop, other small fruits with the exception of strawberries one-third of a crop. Strawberries were not far enough advanced to be seriously injured by the frosts, but the dry weather is seriously injuring the crop.

❖ Question Drawer. ❖

Dandelions.

717. SIR,—How can I get dandelions out of my lawn ?

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We know no better plan, than cutting them out an inch or two below the surface of the ground, a laborious task, it is true. Constant mowings with the lawn mower will keep them under control.