

RENFREW COUNTY.—*Sir*.—The following is as near an estimate as I can make at the present time of the probable yield of fruits yet to ripen in this district. These yields are based on a scale of 100 points being a full crop :—Summer apples, 90 ; winter apples, 50 ; native plums, 75 ; foreign plums, 50 ; grapes, 100 ; blackberries, 80 ; peaches, not grown ; pears to a very limited extent. Apple and pear blight has been more destructive in the Ottawa Valley this summer than ever before. It has attacked some varieties which hitherto enjoyed immunity and has caused serious damage. Wealthy, among others, has suffered severely.—JOHN CRAIG, *Ottawa*.

PERTH COUNTY.—*Sir*.—On a basis of 100 for average, the apple crop in this district will probably run somewhere about 25 ; pears 40. The latter has cracked and dropped considerably since last report, notably so Flemish Beauty. Plums, 65 ; grapes, 100. Peaches and blackberries generally a little too tender for successful cultivation in our section of country, consequently no average is given.—J. D. STEWART, *Russeldale, Ont.*

ESSEX COUNTY.—*Sir*.—The percentage of yield will be about as follows :—Apples, 25 ; pears, 75 ; plums, 50 ; grapes, 100 ; blackberries, 85 ; peaches, 40. Hail damaged a few vineyards July 16, but not enough to materially lower the yield. Apples a poor sample ; plums and pears fair.—A. McNEILL, *Windsor, Ont.*

GRAY COUNTY.—*Sir*.—In answer to your request concerning an estimate of the fruit crop in this section, I have to say I have not been much out in the country, and reports are conflicting ; but so far as I can learn, apples will be under an average crop ; pears, a light crop ; plums promised well some time ago, but the curculio and rot is thinning them out very fast. Those who sprayed their trees will have a good average. Cherries, an average crop ; peaches not much grown here ; small fruits, an abundant crop ; gooseberries, a very large crop ; grapes not grown to a large extent, what is grown seem heavily laden at present.—R. TROTTER, *Owen Sound*.

✧ Question Budget ✧

The Blenheim Orange Apple.

Answer to Question No. 27.

The Blenheim Orange, or Blenheim Pippin, as known in Nova Scotia, is one of our most valuable commercial apples, and is growing in favor yearly. It is an early and annual bearer, of fine appearance, with comparative freedom from spots, and but few culls. Seems well adapted to our sandy soils, but is grown successfully on heavier land. The Blenheim will compare favorably with Northern Spy in productiveness. Bears earlier and classes with the Spy, among our most valuable commercial apples.

S. C. PARKER.

✧ Open Letters ✧

Plants Received.

SIR,—The Douglas fir and the Haverland strawberry plants arrived in good condition. I have a nice bed of the Williams strawberry from the plants you sent me two years ago ; they are looking well. The Moore's Diamond grape I got last year is doing well. Small fruits are likely to be a large crop here, also plums and pears. Winter apples will be scarce.

WILLIAM LEONARD, *Woodstock, Ont.*