

Lambton County.

Apples.—Prospect of fair crops and possibly a very good yield to the hardier kinds.

Pears.—Ditto.

Plums.—No blossoms.

Peaches.—Few blossoms injured by frost.

Grapes.—Badly injured by frost in May.

Gooseberries, currants and strawberries partially injured by frost, but yet promise a fair crop.

Raspberries promise a good crop. Plants healthy appearance near here.—J. A. McKENZIE, *Sarnia, June 18th, 1889.*

Perth County.

SIR,—From the first to the middle of May the prospects of an abundant crop of fruit was never better in this country; at the time of writing, June 15th, the promise was never poorer. So far as apples are concerned the outlook is a gloomy one indeed. During the past few days I have visited and examined a number of the best orchards in the county and venture the statement that there will not be a barrel of perfect apples in the half-dozen or more orchards visited. Such a condition of affairs, as indicated prevails throughout the county. I have no recollection of a spring frost so sweeping in its disastrous effect to the apple crop as that of three weeks ago.

With the exception of a few old native trees the destruction of the pear crop is just as complete as that of the apple. I have one pear tree thirty-five years old that seems to have resisted the effects of the frost and is maturing its heavy crop of fruit; but all the other trees of various varieties though covered with blossoms, are not going to mature a specimen. Grapes are totally gone, and it is doubtful indeed, if the wood of last year's growth will recover the shock. I am forcing mine out again from the bottom so as to have an entire new vine.

Currants and gooseberries suffered much, though on well protected bushes there will be

a fair crop. The currant worm got at his work earlier than usual this season and had some bushes more or less stripped of their foliage before his presence was observed. In such cases the frost did its damage completely, but where the foliage was heavy the young fruit was protected and saved. Plums, there will be none. There was not in fact an average show of blossom in this section, and what there was is killed. Cherry trees made great promise in the blossom but the meagre percentage of blossoms that withstood the frost will mature a poorly developed fruit at best.

Strawberries will be an average crop though late. All the earlier blossoms were killed, but the abundant rains produced a growth that we would, under ordinary conditions, not likely have had, and the result will be a fine average late season fruit.

In raspberries there is promise of an abundant yield; never better.—T. H. RACE, *Mitchell, June 15th, 1889.*

Dundas County.

THE worm has not been as lively this spring as in former seasons. I have only put a little slug shot on my gooseberries twice, and there is not a worm to be seen. My blackberries, the Taylor, Blackcaps, Tyler, Gregg and Mammoth Cluster, are just loaded with berries. The red raspberries, Cuthbert, Brandywine and Philadelphia are all bearing heavy crops. The Golden Queen "White" even exceeds my most sanguine expectations, being loaded very heavily. Cabbage and all other vegetables are first-class, although we had so much wet weather. Potatoes, very early. I have had some Henderson's Early Puritan in blow for two weeks and Early Rose about nine days in blow. Peas: Bliss, American, Monte, first crop ready to pick on Sunday of this week. All crops looking well, and fruit of every description good crop, and so far as we can judge now, free from spot.—LEVI F. SELLECK, *Morrisburg.*