

HAMILTON.—Apples, fair crop of late varieties, rather damaged by late flight of moth; lemons, still very scarce in markets; peaches, crop all harvested; pears, crop all harvested, prices good; tomatoes, crop practically finished; walnuts, very light crop; early frosts have destroyed outdoor crops.—*T. E. Rodda.*

POVERTY BAY.—Apples, below average, may expect shortage of sound apples during the winter; lemons, poor; pears, good, but not keeping well; walnuts, good average.—*W. R. L. Williams.*

MANAWATU AND WAIRARAPA.—Apples, medium crop, late varieties good, and less scab than earlier varieties; pears, taken on the whole, a very clean crop; tomatoes, average crop, clean, will soon be over for this district; walnuts, fair crop, attacked by bacteriosis in some parts of district.—*G. Stratford.*

WANGANUI.—Pears, crop average to heavy being harvested; plums, crop harvested; plums (Japanese), crop harvested; tomatoes, crop done.—*W. C. Hyde.*

HASTINGS.—Apples, supplies not too plentiful, quality very good; pears, late varieties good, free of scab; tomatoes, exceeded expectations, season over; walnuts, fairly good crop.—*J. A. Campbell.*

WELLINGTON.—Apples, average crop, cooking varieties looking well; pears, average to heavy crop, scab prevalent; tomatoes, average crop, slightly damaged by frost.—*T. C. Webb.*

BLenheim.—Apples, medium crop, season almost over; lemons, good crop; pears, fair average crop, season almost finished; tomatoes, good crop, two or three severe frosts destroyed all fruit that was not picked; walnuts, heavy crop, harvesting in full swing.—*B. G. Goodwin.*

NELSON.—Apples: All early and midseason varieties now gathered, and growers are busy getting in the later ones. Sturmers mostly being cool-stored; Jonathans have turned out well, but supplies of this variety are now getting short. Heavy wind blew on the 20th instant, bringing down hundreds of cases of fruit; in one place a grower picked up some 500 cases after the blow. Pears, now all picked, and supplies are getting short, a fair quantity have been placed in cool-store; tomatoes, still a few, but sharp frost early in month spoiled most of them and growers are now clearing up their areas. The apple shipments to South America for the month totalled 14,849 cases. All stone-fruit is now finished.—*J. H. Thorp.*

CHRISTCHURCH.—Apples, good crop, turning out well; pears, good crop, harvesting well; tomatoes, heavy crop, a few still being picked; walnuts, light.—*W. J. Courtier.*

TIMARU.—Apples, late keeping sorts now being picked, fair crop of Sturmer Pippins; pears, late keeping varieties being picked, good crops of Winter Cole variety; walnuts, a splendid crop of nuts has been gathered, and are realizing good prices.—*A. B. Mansfield.*

DUNEDIN.—Apples, main crop being picked; peaches, a few late varieties still picking; pears, later varieties being picked; strawberries, large area being planted for next season; tomatoes, over; walnuts, being harvested.—*W. T. Goodwin.*

LOSSES TO APIARISTS IN SOUTHLAND.

THE recent disastrous floods in Southland were responsible for heavy losses to the beekeepers. Quite a number of apiaries have been almost completely destroyed, those situated on the river-banks suffering most. Messrs. Allan and Graham's Matura Island Apiary, numbering fifty-two colonies, was swept away, but the owners were fortunate enough to recover ten stocks which had drifted against a live hedge. Mr. H. Winslade, Willowbank Apiary, Kelso, was also a great loser: out of sixty colonies only fifteen remain, the rest being carried away by the rising in the Pomahaka. Reports have reached me of further losses in minor apiaries, but I have not as yet received full details. The flood of 1913 will long be remembered by the beekeepers of Southland.—*E. A. Earp.*