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NOTES FROM THE PROVINCES

Nova Scotia

Eunice Watts

Nova Scotia has again been carrying off medals for apple exhibits at the Colonial Fruit Exhibition in London. The government collection was awarded a gold medal while private exhibitors having more than 15 boxes were awarded as follows: Silver and gilt Hogg medal, F. A. Parker, Berwick; silver and gilt Knightian medals—W. H. Woodworth, Berwick, and H. A. Blanchard, Upper Dyke; silver Hogg medal, J. Howe Cox, Cambridge; silver Knightian medals—H. D'Almaine, Wolfville; R. J. Messenger, Tupperville; J. A. Kinsman, Lakeville, and F. H. Johnston, Bridgetown; silver Banksian medals—A. L. Morse, Berwick; E. T. Neilly, Middleton, and F. Foster, Kingston; bronze Banksian medals—Berwick Fruit Company, Berwick; William Sangster, Falmouth, and Ralph S. Eaton, Kentville. Those persons exhibiting less than 15 boxes were not awarded prizes, but their exhibits were to be sold with the rest. Very favorable comments with regard to the Nova Scotian exhibits appeared in the English papers.

The apple shipments from Nova Scotia to the end of November were as follows: Shipments to Newfoundland, U. S. A. and local ports, about 78,000 barrels; to the British Isles—London, 161,190 barrels; Liverpool, 64,662 barrels; Glasgow, 21,590 barrels; a total of 227,442 barrels, as against 199,435 sent in the same period last year to the

Old Country. The last returns for apples showed a drop of about two shillings in the English markets.

Western Annapolis Valley

R. J. Messenger

Apples are looking up. As high as \$2.50 a barrel has been paid for Baldwins, which variety seems to be regaining popularity after being in disfavor for some five years. One buyer told me that he would pay more for Baldwins this year than Nonpareils. This last named variety has generally been conceded one of the highest selling varieties. Not such a general purchase of all varieties is noted this year as last, but buyers are buying only as each variety becomes seasonable for shipping. They are much more cautious than usual.

The bud moth scare seems to have given place to the fear that our orchards may be devastated by canker worms next year. During the past summer several orchards in Kings and Annapolis counties were more or less defoliated by the canker worm and it has become quite fashionable among orchardists, good, bad and indifferent, to paint a strip of bark around the trunks of their trees with a mixture of resin and castor oil to catch the female as she ascends the trunk to lay her eggs. This treatment, with a thorough spraying next summer with poisons, will eradicate this pest.

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