

THE FRUIT CROP PROSPECTS

PRESENT prospects for fruit are not as bright as they were last month. There has been a falling off in the conditions. Early and fall apples promise an average crop, or slightly better; winter varieties, medium. Pears and plums will give a medium yield; peaches, over medium; grapes promise well. The crop correspondents of THE CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST report the situation to be as follows:

HANTS COUNTY, N. S.

Cambridge.—Prospects for an average crop of apples are favorable. Unless conditions change, the quality will be good. A few orchards in certain localities were stripped by canker worms and, in such, the crop will be a failure. Gravensteins and Kings still indicate a full crop; Blenheim and Spy, light; other varieties of winter apples, average.—J. H. C.

KING'S COUNTY, N. S.

Kentville.—The fruit prospects are good and if nothing unforeseen occurs, this valley will have an extra good yield. Some varieties will suffer from the ravages of canker worms and bud moths. At the horticultural exhibition, to be held in Kentville in October, the greatest show of apples ever exhibited in Canada will be seen.—M. G. deW.

Berwick.—On the whole the apple crop promises to be as good as last year. Kings are making a good showing but Blenheims and Spys are off.—J. N. C.

ANNAPOLIS COUNTY, N. S.

Bridgetown.—Apples promise a fair crop of smooth fruit; pears and plums, light; cherries, full.—F. H. J.

DIGBY COUNTY, N. S.

Bear River.—Dry weather has caused much dropping of fruit. Ben Davis, Golden Russet and Bishop Pippin (Yellow Bellflower) promise a medium crop; all other apples, light; pears, very light; cherries and small fruits, fair.—H. M. R.

SUNBURY AND QUEEN'S, N. B.

Upper Sheffield.—The apple crop is not as promising as it was a month ago. Duchess is doing all right but other varieties are falling off. Cherries, currants, gooseberries and raspberries are yielding a bountiful crop.—I. W. S.

YORK COUNTY, N. B.

Murches.—Owing to dry weather, apples are dropping in unusually large numbers; if drought continues much longer, the crop will be injured. Plums are a complete failure. English cherries are good crop; blackberries good; raspberries, half crop and late; currants and gooseberries, small crop.—J. F.

CHATEAUGUAY COUNTY, QUE.

Chateaugay Basin.—Raspberries are small and about one-half a crop. Drought and heavy winds have caused more than one-half our early apples to fall. Winter apples will give a medium crop.—P. R.

STANSTEAD COUNTY, QUE.

Beebe Plain.—Duchess, Peach and Yellow Transparent apples promise a large crop; Wealthy, a good average; winter apples will be light.—D. L. H.

L'ISLET COUNTY, QUE.

Village des Aulnaies.—In the Quebec district and north and east on both shores of the St. Lawrence, early apples will be light;

fall, medium; winter, failure; crab apples, medium; pears, failure; European plums, light; American plums, failure; sour cherries medium; raspberries, full; black currants, light; red currants and gooseberries, medium; cranberries, failure.—A. D.

MISSISQUOI COUNTY, QUE.

Henrysburg Centre.—Present prospects indicate not more than half a crop of fruit. The apples will be small and will not grade No. 1.—J. S.

PEEL COUNTY, ONT.

Clarkson.—Raspberries are a good crop. Lawton and other small fruits will yield well. Plums are a failure; pears, medium; cherries, good. With the exception of a few

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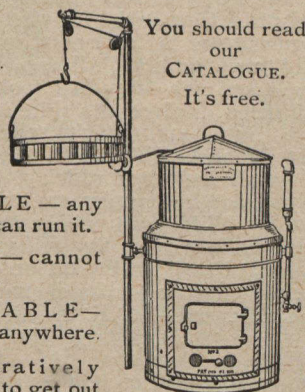
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