

## THE FRUIT PROSPECTS FOR 1904.

Realizing that fruit growers at this season are anxious to have some idea of the fruit prospects, not only in Ontario, but throughout Canada and the United States generally. The Horticulturist during August, wrote to some 300 correspondents and well known authorities all over the continent to gain some idea of what the total production of fruit is likely to be. Owing to lack of space it has been found impossible to give this information nearly as full as it was intended but fairly complete reports will here be found.

The total apple crop this year is likely to be somewhat less than last season. In Ontario both fall and winter apples will be a medium crop of fair quality. In Nova Scotia and Quebec the yield will be somewhat less than last

year, while the quality will hardly be as good. In New Brunswick and British Columbia full crops are anticipated. In the United States the total production of apples will be somewhat below last year, but as the quality generally is better the prospects are fair for a somewhat larger volume of barrelled apples. This estimate conflicts somewhat with the statements the commission dealers make, but may be taken as approximately correct.

The plum crop throughout Canada generally will be a very light one. In the United States it will be a little larger but will not be heavy. Pears throughout Canada will not be a full crop, but a fair yield may be anticipated. The quality generally is good.

### Fall Apples a Moderate Crop

The situation as regards the probable yield of the various varieties of fall apples continues practically the same as announced in the July Horticulturist. Reports received from all over Ontario show that the yield of fall apples varies considerably. Many growers report that they will have light crops, while others anticipate a full yield to a production excessive of last year's by 25 to 30 per cent. On the whole, appearances indicate that the crop will be a medium one. Growers will do well to accept buyers' statements of a heavy crop with caution.

In the counties bordering on the northern shore of Lake Ontario the majority of reports received all go to indicate that the crop will be a medium to full one. As regards the quality it will undoubtedly be quite up to the average. Growers in the Lake Huron and Georgian Bay districts anticipate a light to full crop, the majority of the correspondents placing the yield as a medium one. The same applies to the Niagara district. Many growers state the insect pests have not been as bad this year as last season, and that there has been very little fungus growth.

### Less Winter Apples Than Last Year

Although The Horticulturist has heard from numerous correspondents in all the principal apple growing sections of the province, it has been found to be a difficult matter to make any definite estimate of the extent of the probable yield of winter apples. Reports vary widely, some growers estimating the yield in their sections to be one-third to one-half less than last year, while other growers in the same districts estimate an increased yield of 25 to 30 per cent. Some varieties which are bearing heavily in one portion of the province are bearing lightly in others. On the whole the indications are that the supply of winter apples will be only a little less than last season.

Beginning from the county of Halton to the west of Frontenac, along the shore of Lake Ontario, a light to medium and in some cases a full yield is generally anticipated. The Baldwin and Spy appear to exist in the counties beginning on Georgian Bay and Lake Huron.

The Niagara district seems likely to produce a medium crop of winter apples. Many orchards will produce lightly, while some will be almost a full crop, so that the total yield is likely to be a medium one. There is very little complaint of spot or damage to the crop in any way, so that the quality, generally speaking, is likely to be fair.

### Plum Crop Practically a Failure

The Horticulturist was evidently well informed last month when it announced that the plum crop throughout Ontario would be almost a failure. Reports received as late as August 25 from all parts of the province, indicate that

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in no county will there be more than a light yield, while in the great majority of counties the crop is practically a failure. A majority of correspondents in the counties of Halton, Durham, Ontario, Victoria, Peterboro and Prince Edward estimate the plum crop as a failure, while in Hastings county correspondents place the production at from a failure to a very light yield. In Eastern Ontario the crop is a failure.

Bordering Lake Huron and in the Georgian Bay district reports are to the same effect. Five out of six growers heard from in Lambton, four out of six in Bruce, eight out of ten in Grey, and eight out of ten in Simcoe counties place the production as a failure. In the Nia-