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APPLES WASTING IN THE ORCHARDS

With City Prices Too High For Poor To Buy

BEST FRUIT, BAD MARKET

Orchardists Face Anomalous Home Conditions With British Market Demand Uncertain—A Quebec View

(Montreal Gazette)

"Just what will become of all the Canadian apple crop this year is rather a serious question at the present," said Peter Reid, secretary of the Pomological Society of Quebec, at the Queen's last night. "There is a good crop of the finest apples we have seen in years, but prices are low and the market just about as tricky as it could be, both in Canada and Great Britain. It is not at all unlikely that as a result a considerable quantity of fruit which would be of great value to the poorer people of Montreal and other cities will be practically wasted simply because there is not sufficient machinery to bring the fruit to the people at any sort of comparison between the price the grower gets for the apples and the final charge made to the consumer.

Mr. Reid commented on the price charged for apples by the baskets at some shops in Montreal as compared with that paid the grower. Baskets of Wealthy, a fair eating apple, with little lasting qualities, were being sold at 75 cents in the stores. The apples were easily bought within forty miles of Montreal for \$1.25 a barrel. A barrel would easily make over a dozen such baskets with the result that by the time the consumer got the fruit it had increased in cost nearly a thousand per cent, although grown within a couple of hours' journey of the consumer.

It is felt by orchard owners that there must be something wrong when they have thousands of bushels of magnificent fruit practically wasted within a few hours' journey of Montreal, while in the city of Montreal there are thousands of people who find they cannot afford to buy the apples at the prices charged," said Mr. Reid. "There have been efforts at co-operative selling, so as to put the apples grown within easy reach of Montreal on the market here for small buyers at prices which would enable even the poorest to eat an apple once in a while. These unfortunately have so far failed, since they have generally only started when the crop was so far ripened that it was impossible to do anything. To make such co-operative work possible arrangements should be made early in the season. Then, when the apples mature they could be marketed without difficulty, and we should be saved the spectacle of apples so cheap in the country that growers could not sell them, and so dear in the city that consumers could not buy them. The average consumer, however, would save money by buying by the box.

Of course this only applied to the cheaper grades of apples, said Mr. Reid. This, however, only meant fruit which was not perfect in appearance, flavor, or keeping qualities, but was otherwise of great dietetic value—far too great value to be wasted in orchards for lack of easy marketing facilities between grower and consumer.

As to the export market for apples, Mr. Reid said this was also a doubtful factor, owing to the war. In fact the apple growers were confronted with one of the finest crops the country had ever known, so far as quality was concerned, with a most uncertain market, save that there was a certainty of low prices, with a tendency to still lower.

At the present time the less valuable grades were a drug on the market, selling at around \$1.25 a barrel at the orchards, while the windfalls were not sold at all. The more valuable fruit

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"Prices for these," said Mr. Reid, "run around \$2 and \$2.50 a box of a little over a bushel. This is, of course, for the finest selected and packed fruit—and this year the best apples of these varieties are as perfect as we ever saw. The demand is fair, but the prospects for the lower grades are not good."

"The outlook for the export trade is not good," said Mr. Reid. "While just now there is every indication of a good profit on shipments the war has made such apples a luxury, and cut down the available money for luxuries, so that it does not look as though the demand

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ENTIRE NATION MUST BEAR THE BLAME FOR HORRORS OF THE WAR

Writer Arraigns Common People as Well as Military Caste of Germany—National Pride Must be Humbled

(Mall and Empire)

The attitude of the German nation under the stress of war has made it abundantly clear that the common people, as well as the "cultured" ones, are little less aggressive in their arrogant Prussianism than the Kaiser and his military caste. The Allies have to fight and crush the Prussian military system, it is true, but they have also to fight and crush the Germanic reliance upon the doctrine of force. That involves the breaking of a nation fed for forty years upon the idea that the Germans were God's elect, appointed to conquer and dominate the world. It involves the tumbling of German national pride into the dust. When the war opened it was thought to be no more than just to draw a distinction between the temper of the German people and the ambition of the war lords. We were said to be at war with the one, but not with the other. A lot of nauseating clap-trap was uttered respecting the desirability of avoiding harsh words that might hurt the susceptibilities of the German people. One Scottish official, speaking at a great meeting, suggested that Britons should say nothing that would make difficult the resumption of friendly relations with the German people after the war. The barbarities of the Germans in the field have pretty well put an end to this maudlin talk. Not only the devastation of process art treasures at Louvain and Rheims, but even more the outrages upon defenceless women and children, the killing and maiming of the wounded, the utter disregard for the humanities in the treatment of non-combatants suspected of injuring Germans, stamp the German soldiery as scarcely better than the perpetrators of the Armenian massacres. Intellectual Germany stands brazenly behind all this along with protestant Germany. Gross outrages, brutal vindictiveness, callous conduct by German soldiery in operations cannot be added to the already heavy burden of responsibility upon the back of Prussian militarism. Germany's culture has not made the mass of her people less brutal and her militarism has not made them much more so.

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DO NOT GROUCH, BUT BOOST PRODUCTION

Sir George Foster Points the Way Canadians May Profit by Opportunities

Declaring that among the countries of the world Canada at present occupied the most advantageous position from the commercial standpoint, Sir George E. Foster, Minister of Trade and Commerce, offered some suggestions to the members of the Toronto Board of Trade at their luncheon on Wednesday, as to the course by which Canadians could best profit from the opportunity now offered.

He urged them to meet the situation with courage and confidence, to develop the home market by endeavoring to replace articles of foreign manufacture by articles of Canadian production, and to cultivate trade with Great Britain and the overseas dominions. He denounced

the "Kaiserism of Fashion" and advised his audience to "chuck it" if it tended to prevent them from buying goods made in Canada. His closing words were "Don't grouch" and "Boost production."

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