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This month ends one of the most bountiful years ever witnessed in Nova Scotia. The apple crop has exceeded expectations, and prices have been fairly good on the whole with prospects of a rise. The cranberry yields have never been so large, and the weather has been most favorable for harvesting them, so that the berries were gathered in fine shape and sold for equally fine prices.

In the apple belt under the North Mountain most orchardists have sold all their apples, while those who are holding them expect the prices to rise. Dealers are offering \$1.75 a barrel for ones and twos, for such apples as Fallwaters, but returns from England are much more satisfactory, as much as \$3.50 for Alexanders being received.

The annual exhibit for the Royal Horticultural Society's Show, in London, England, was sent from Nova Scotia in November. It consisted of 385 boxes, 100 glass jars and 11 barrels of plate fruit.

NOTES FROM INSPECTOR VROOM

The fruit crop was much larger than was expected in the early autumn, fully 100,000 barrels more. The fruit grew comparatively clean, thus making it easy for packers to be honest. Some men in Nova Scotia must have things very nice before they can be honest when they pack a barrel of apples. There are four co-operative packing companies in the Annapolis valley, and they are doing good work and getting fine prices for their fruit. Very few No. 3's are being shipped. These find their way into the evaporators and cider mills. The price for No. 1's started at \$1.25 a barrel for Graven-

steins, packed ready for shipment, and \$1.00 for No. 2's. To-day, the best packed fruit sells readily for from \$2.00 to \$2.50.

Contrary to the usual custom, large shipments of Nova Scotia apples are going to Liverpool and Glasgow, and larger quantities than usual are being sent to Bermuda, Havana and other West India islands. Kings and Ben Davis are the principal varieties sent to the West Indies. About 60,000 barrels more have been shipped from Halifax to all points this year to date than last. Several thousand packages, including barrels, half-barrels and boxes, have been shipped to South Africa.

The cranberry crop was good and the continued fine weather in September and early October enabled the growers to gather them without injury by frost. The price is \$5.50 a barrel. The barrels hold 80 quarts. The cranberry yield is about 8,000 barrels.

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