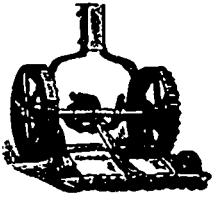


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CROP PROSPECTS

The apple crop is promising, but the plum crop will be very light. Cherries are a failure, small fruits abundant. The orchard area has greatly increased. Better and more suitable varieties adapted to our northern latitude have been planted. Ontario nurserymen who advertise in The Horticulturist instruct their agents to sell only varieties which mature their wood quickly and forbid them to sell Baldwin, King of Tomkins, R. I. Greening, Newton Pippin trees all of popular varieties but needing a longer season of vegetation than ours. Unscrupulous jobbers a few years ago sold in our districts a great number of these varieties which have all died. It was a great loss which discouraged the farmers who lost confidence in nursery grown trees. Nurserymen advertising for agents mentioning that "no experience in fruit culture is required of salesmen" should not be trusted. The sales of fruit and ornamental trees of flowering shrubs by nurserymen of Quebec and Ontario provinces have doubled this year. The Village des Aulnais has increased its area considerably and being the most northern nursery of Canada can fill orders for dormant trees much later in spring than the western nurseries.

The multiplying of Damson and Reine Claude plums on own roots (not grafted) is a speciality here and deserves the extensive propagation it has acquired on account of the delicious quality of their fruits and the hardiness of the trees which once planted last eighty to one hundred years.

Georgian Bay District, Ont.

The fruit growers of the Georgian Bay District are making a big effort to grow clean apples this year. Although some few growers have sprayed for some years, last year was the first year spraying was undertaken on a large scale. It was so successful that this year a large quantity of material has been used. Four cars of lime-sulphur, besides some home boiled, have been used by the Georgian Bay Fruit Growers, Ltd., and four tons of arsenate of lead so we expect neither scabby nor wormy apples.

The orchard of Mr. Wm. Reekie, the president of The Georgian Bay Fruit Growers, Ltd., has been properly sprayed, pruned, fertilized, and is well worth a visit. It is likely to have one hundred and fifty to two hundred bbls. per acre. It contains principally Gravenstein, Snow, Spy, Baldwin, and Spitz.

The manager's orchard, J. G. Mitchell, will likely average four to five barrels per tree of thirteen-year-old Spys. Some fruited at eight years, and have been bearing every year since, showing the effect of good cultivation and proper pruning. Mr. Mitchell believes in early training. The old orchard is also well worth a visit. The writer was particularly struck with the appearance of a young orchard of 1,140 trees planted on the filler system one hundred trees per acre. The main orchard will be Baldwin, fillers, chiefly Wealthy and Duchess. The orchard has been fertilized with nitrogen, phosphate and potash, and the growth of the trees has been extra.

The Georgian Bay Fruit Growers, Ltd., have about one hundred and fifty acres in bearing, and expect to plant one hundred to one hundred and fifty acres next spring.

There are a large number of smaller orchards here in Thornbury, probably two hundred acres more. We also have a branch of The National Land Fruit and Packing Co., Ltd., here. Capt. Ferguson, who is in charge, tells me that they pruned and

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