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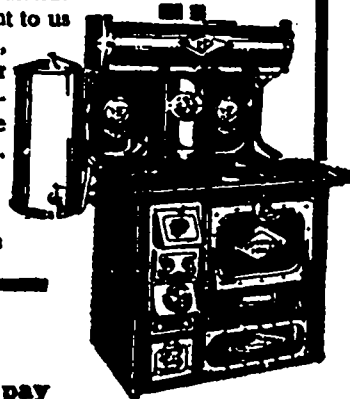
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The Fruit Situation

Advices from England hold out poor prospects for the pear crop in that country. The same applies to France. For these reasons there should be a splendid opening for Canadian pears on the English market. This market demands a high class product and all pears should be wrapped separately and packed in the most careful manner. Last year over six hundred thousand hundred weights of pears were imported into England.

It is expected that the English apple crop will be smaller than usual. The season is opening much more auspiciously than has been the case for several years past. For the last few years there have been large crops in all countries producing a surplus of apples. This year the general condition of the United States crop is officially estimated at fifty-nine per cent. of a normal crop as compared with sixty-seven per cent. for last year. The Nova Scotia crop is estimated at three quarters of a million barrels as compared with one million in 1912. Blenheims, Ribstons and Greenings will be the heaviest yielders. Baldwins and Gravensteins will be very light. Nova Scotia apples are reported to be quite scabby.

Taking the Dominion as a whole the apple crop will be not much over fifty per cent. of a full crop. In Ontario Spies and Baldwins are light as is also the Fameuse in Quebec. British Columbia will have about fifty per cent. of a full crop but the quality is not up to the average.

In the Lake Erie district pears promise to be a good crop. Elsewhere the crop appears to be rather poor. In the Okanagan Valley the crop is fair but the British Columbia crop as a whole is below the average.

Plums are yielding well in the Niagara district. There is a fair crop in British Columbia except on the coast. In Nova Scotia plums are light but better in Prince Edward Island.

The Niagara district reports a fair crop of peaches. There appears to be little trouble from fungous diseases or insects. In British Columbia the crop is good and will likely be harvested in good condition.

Grapes are expected to yield a medium crop. Many vineyards have suffered from the ravages of the rose bug and flea beetle.

Bulletins and Circulars

Other bulletins and circulars recently received by The Canadian Horticulturist are: Entomological Circular No. 2, Flea Beetles and their Control, issued by the Dominion Department of Agriculture; Bulletin No. 164, volume 16, Strawberries, and Bulletin No. 165, volume 16, "Tomato Investigation," two splendid publications issued by Perdue University Experiment Station; circular No. 24, of the New Jersey Agriculture Experiment Stations, contains much valuable information on the home preparation of lime and sulphur spraying mixtures; Bulletin No. 137, Nebraska Agricultural Experiment Station, "Growing Forest Trees, Shrubs and Ornamentals in Nebraska."

The Canadian Horticulturist is in receipt of a valuable book written by a Canadian, Colonel Geo. T. Denison, of Toronto, entitled "A History of Cavalry." The first edition of this work was published in 1877, and gained the Emperor of Russia's first prize for the best work on the subject in competition with officers of all armies. It was translated into several different languages. It is published by the McMillan Company of Canada, Limited, Toronto. Price \$2.50.