

secured in the handling of the crop justifies the assumption that there is no valid excuse for continuous failure on the part of American growers to produce these melons success-

fully. And to the end that a clearer idea of the reasons underlying success and failure may be attained, further work along these lines is contemplated.

FRUIT CROP PROSPECTS

Owing to the lateness of the season, fruit trees and bushes have been backward in blossoming. With the exception of peaches and strawberries in some districts, a good crop of fruit is anticipated. Crop correspondents of THE CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST report as follows:

HANTS CO., N.S.

Falmouth.—Trees have plenty of fruit buds. Too soon to be positive about results.—H.O.D.

KING'S CO., N.S.

Auburn.—Apple trees show every prospect of an abundant bloom. All trees show little or no damage from winter. Shrubs and bushes are looking well. Strawberry plants that were not protected by covering are pretty badly killed and are looking more or less brown. Those that were covered look bright.—J.S.B.

Grand Pre.—The prospect is for a good show of blossoms.—J.N.F.

COLCHESTER CO., N.S.

Truro.—Duchess, Transparent and Wealthy apples are promising. Canker is destroying most other varieties. There is a fair show of blossoms on plums. Black currants are not so promising as usual. Red currants and gooseberries are promising. Strawberries, sheltered and covered lightly with litter in fall, came through fairly well.—P.B.

ANNAPOLIS CO., N.S.

Middleton.—Trees came through the winter splendidly. There is promise of an abundant bloom and a good crop of fruit this season. Only a few brown tail moth nests have been found in this section.—R.E.C.

Annapolis Royal.—Fruit trees and bushes look well and the weather conditions at present are favorable.—G.E.C.

CUMBERLAND CO., N.S.

Nappan.—Fruit trees are not as far advanced as at this time last year, but show good prospects of fruit especially the early varieties.—R.R.

WESTMORELAND CO., N.B.

Shediac.—Fruit trees and bushes have wintered well. The prospect for bloom is fair.—E.G.F.

KINGS CO., N.B.

Rothsay.—Fruit trees and small fruits, shrubs and bushes wintered in good condition. Prospects are good for blossoming and an average crop.—D.A.P.

GRENVILLE CO., ONT.

Maitland.—Fruit trees of all kinds are in first-class condition at present. Apples are in full bloom. Trees that bore a medium crop last year are giving a full bloom in most cases. Indications point to a full crop of fruit this year.—H.J.

HASTINGS CO., ONT.

Trenton.—Fruit trees have wintered well and the prospects for blossoms are good. Strawberries, raspberries, blackberries and cherries are in good condition.—A.B.A.

ONTARIO CO., ONT.

Whitby.—The dry weather last fall seems

to have induced a very abundant formation of fruit buds, and we are expecting to see plenty of bloom.—J.H.H.

WENTWORTH CO., ONT.

Fruitland.—There was never a better show of bloom on nearly all kinds of fruit trees. Even peaches, that were reported nearly all killed, have plenty of bloom in many localities; in fact, nearly all. Plums could not be much fuller in bloom. Pear bloom is not all out yet but will be good and the same will apply to apples.—C.C.P.

Winona.—Peaches, pears, plums and cherries show signs of a heavy crop. Strawberries came through the winter well.—H.S.

LINCOLN CO., ONT.

St. Catharines.—Fruit trees are full of bloom, especially plum and cherry. Pears are not fully opened. Marlboro raspberry canes were badly killed back. Strawberries are good.—G.B.M.

Homer.—All fruit trees look well. Peaches are blooming fairly well, also European plums. Japanese plums will be very light, also pears. Apples promise a good bloom. Cherries are also good.—W.H.S.

Grimsby.—The prospects for small fruits are good and also for nearly all tree fruits with the exception of some varieties of peaches in some localities. The cherry blossoms are very large and same may be said as to pears.—C.W.V.-D.

OXFORD CO., ONT.

Ingersoll.—Fruit trees and bushes are in fine shape; practically no injury from winter. Prospects are for an abundance of bloom especially on winter apple trees of all varieties.—J.C.H.

HALTON CO., ONT.

Burlington.—The prospect is good for all tree fruits except peaches; also for currants, gooseberries and raspberries. Strawberries wintered well and are full of promise, although the early bloom was blighted by cold. Duchess pears are very full and apple trees that bore heavily last year are blooming again.—W.V.H.

WELLAND CO., ONT.

Pelham Corners.—Raspberries and strawberries have wintered well and point toward a full crop. Same applies to all small fruits. In pears, Idaho is good; others, medium. Plums, Europeans, good in nearly all varieties; Japans, especially good. Peaches promise a fair crop. Cherries are exceptionally promising.—J.E.M.

KENT CO., ONT.

Chatham.—Plums and pears have lots of bloom as have the hardy peaches. Crosby will give a small crop; Crawford, Elbertas and others of their class, are a failure. Apple trees that bore a fair crop last year have no bloom while those that did not promise well. Strawberries came through the winter well. Gooseberries and currants are blooming full.—M.B.

SIMCOE CO., ONT.

Orillia.—The season so far has been very cold and backward. There is promise of good bloom on all fruit trees. Raspberries

and small bush fruits promise very full crops, having come well through the winter. Strawberries do not look well; exceeding dryness of latter part of last season left them in poor condition, and a few heavy frosts since the snow went off were rather hard on them.—C.L.S.

LAMBTON CO., ONT.

Forest.—All fruits have wintered well and everything points to the crop being the same as two years ago.—A.L.

MACDONALD CO., MAN.

St. Charles.—Trees came through the winter in good condition. Damage and freezing back was less than usual, as far as we had time to observe. Truck gardening is very backward.—D.W.B.

KOOTENAY DISTRICT, B.C.

Crawford Bay.—The season is very late, Prospects for a good crop are very good.—H.S.G.

YALE-CARIBOO, B.C.

Lillooet.—The prospect for fruit trees and bushes are not as good as usual. There will be a fair crop of small fruits; cherries, about half a crop; peaches, nil; apples and pears, about half a crop.—J.S.B.

NEW WESTMINSTER CO., B.C.

Hammond.—Strawberries promise 50 per cent. of a crop; blackberries and raspberries, 80 per cent.; currants and gooseberries, full crop. Plums and apples promise well. There are practically no peaches this season.—C.P.M.

VICTORIA CO., B.C.

Victoria.—Cherries have suffered where exposed to recent cold winds. Bushes on the whole show good prospects. Strawberries, in some places, were injured by winds and frost but in more sheltered districts a good crop is looked for.—A.H.T.

Manitoba

George Batho

The spring has been very backward, but still a very satisfactory one from a horticultural standpoint. Three years ago we had an April of warm days with hard frosts at night, which damaged a great many tender—and some quite hardy—things. This year we had the April frosts at night, but the days did not warm up enough to cause even the most precocious plant to bud out, and so no growth whatever occurred until well into May. Even on May 19 the buds of such trees as the elm have scarcely begun to swell, although with the present warm weather they will be pushed out into leaf in a very few days. There does not seem to have been very much damage by winter killing. It is impossible as yet to say anything worth while in regard to the prospects for the fruit crop.

Arrangements are under way for another provincial horticultural exhibition in Winnipeg next fall. Prof. Brodrick, of the Manitoba Agricultural College, has been asked to assume the management, and a committee to work in conjunction with him has been selected.

For some time there has been talk of organizing throughout the city of Winnipeg a number of cottage gardeners' associations, each association to be restricted in its membership to a limited area in the city. Not a great deal has been actually accomplished in the way of organization, but no doubt the starting of such a movement would meet with a ready response as a keener interest in grounds adornment seems to be taking hold of the citizens of Winnipeg year by year.

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