

The Orchard and Garden

Fruit Crop Prospects

Apples.—As was to be expected, the reports for the month of June on apples are not quite so favorable. There are many reports of serious dropping, and the general tone of the reports would place the crop at not more than medium. In forming an estimate of the crop the classification of apples into early, fall and winter should be kept in mind, inasmuch as the three classes may have an entirely different value.

In District 1 early apples are reported almost a full crop, the fall and winter apples a medium crop. Baldwin and Spies fig it. If, however, the season should prove a warm one the whole of the apples in District 1 will be classed by apple buyers as early shipping stock. In District 2 early apples are almost a full crop, the fall apples less and the winter apples only a medium crop. In District 3 21 per cent. of the correspondents reported the crop light, 53 per cent. medium and 27 per cent. a full crop.

Reports from the Annapolis and Cornwallis Valleys, N.S., District 6, indicate a crop above medium, but not quite a full crop. The Tent Caterpillar, the Bud Moth and Canker Worm have all been particularly severe as well as several minor pests in different parts of the Valleys, and it is not improbable that the Codling Moth will appear later. Wind storms and other contingencies will probably reduce the crop of winter apples to medium or less. Summer and fall apples will be slightly above a medium crop. Gravenstein has set very heavily, and, where they are sprayed thoroughly, will doubtless yield a large crop. Nova Scotia Kings and Russets have also set well. The Baldwins in Nova Scotia will be light. The British Columbia crop of apples will be about the same as last year.

Pears.—The prospects for pears have deteriorated during the month. In Districts 1 and 2, producing the largest commercial crop, Kieffers are reported a full crop, Bartlets a medium crop with many failures, Clapp's Favorite, Anjou, Bose and similar varieties less than medium. This condition will also hold good for British Columbia.

Plums.—Plums are almost a failure, no large section reporting even a medium crop. The American varieties are producing best; the Japanese varieties are almost a total failure.

Peaches.—Correspondents report 17 per cent. of the crop of early peaches a failure, 17 per cent. light, 35 per cent. medium and 21 per cent. a full crop; late peaches, 12 per cent. of the crop is a failure, 21 per cent. light, 43 per cent. medium and 24 per cent. a full crop. Early peaches will probably be sufficient to supply the demands of the market, but there will probably be some shortage of good canning peaches.

Cherries.—Cherries are everywhere being marketed a large crop, of good quality and freer from insects than usual.

Grapes.—Grapes are reported in good condition, almost equal to last year, with some equivalents of winter killing, especially north of Lake Ontario.

Small Fruits.—The strawberry crop is maintaining the conditions reported last month. The principal markets report fair receipts of good quality; prices are 10 per cent. higher than last year. The estimate for rasp-

berries, black and red, is about the same as for strawberries.

Foreign Countries.—The Continental apple and pear crop is reported medium to good. The prospects for the English apple and plum and pear crop have fallen off seriously, and if this is confirmed by next month's reports market conditions will be materially changed for early and fall apples.

Chief, Fruit Division, Ottawa.

The Vegetable Crop

The crop correspondents of the Ontario Vegetable Growers' Association, in their reports covering the month of June, state that the season this year is from one to two weeks behind last year, owing to the frequent rains and lack of warm weather. The frequent rains and cloudy weather have resulted in a rank, quick growth of some crops which has done considerable damage. Several of the correspondents fear that grubs and insects are likely to do great damage this year.

A New Enemy of Vineyards

The grape growing industry of the Niagara peninsula is threatened with great injury from the rose beetle. Specimens sent to Prof. Bethune, of the Ontario Agricultural College, have elicited a report to the effect that these beetles are very destructive, not only to roses, but to all kinds of flowers, and especially to the blossoms of grape vines. Ordinary poisons have little or no effect upon them. Showering them with a mixture of carbolic acid and soapuds has been most effective. The breeding ground of these insects is usually in old pastures. Breaking up such ground and putting in grain or a hoe crop is the only remedy suggested.

Prince Edward Island

During the latter part of June we have had cold northeasterly winds for the most part, and a good deal of rainy weather. On the afternoon of June 27 a terrific thunder storm set in, accompanied by frequent, vivid flashes of forked lightning. It was the most severe storm remembered by the oldest inhabitant. Fortunately no human lives were lost, but ten cattle belonging to Fred

White, West River, were killed. Considerable damage was done in different parts of the country. The rainfall measured one inch.

Potatoes are looking well, but the grain is backward on account of cool backward weather. Nearly all our farmers had their turnip seed sown on the first of July. Strawberries are ripening slowly. Chickens have not hatched out as well as usual.

Davis & Fraser are advertising for hogs for September delivery. They want well fed hogs weighing 120 and 175 lbs. when dressed.

During last September they only received 200 hogs, in October 800, while more than half of the total output for the year was marketed during November and December.

The Cheese Board held their first meeting of this season on June 22. R. B. Spillet bought all boarded cheese at 11½. 200 flats were not sold. The following cheese boarded: Kensington 150, New Perth 50, Lakesville 33, Dundas 23 flats, 30 whole, Union 140 flats, Townal 50, New Glasgow 50.

At the Ottawa board cheese brought 11 1/10 recently. A. R.

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