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## Outlook for Extension

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In view of the enormous planting of fruit trees of all kinds during recent years, the possibility or probability of over-production is a factor that should demand careful attention. There have been times within the memory of many who are still actively engaged in fruit growing when the prospects did not seem very flattering or bright. Thousands of bushels of apples have lain rotting in Ontario orchards, peaches and plums by the carload have been allowed to fall to the ground unharvested, small fruits in quantity have been neglected and handed over to the birds of the air, and on more than one occasion the Canadian fruit grower has felt that his fruit plantations were more of an expense and encumbrance than a source of revenue and profit. Strange to say, at the very time that these conditions were in evidence in one part of the country an entirely different situation was being experienced elsewhere, it being almost impossible, for weeks at a time, to secure a supply of fruit for dessert or culinary purposes in many places too remote from the source of supply. When closely investigated, the difficulty would be found to be largely lack of proper distribution, owing to failure to anticipate a large crop, and to provide for the picking, packing, and placing in the hands of consumers. If attention had been given to securing quality, and suitable arrangements made for marketing, it is quite safe to say that very little fruit in the past need have wasted in the orchards or have lacked profitable sales.

### OVER-PRODUCTION NOT LIKELY

In the replies to the series of questions sent out to all parts of the country, in which an opinion was requested as to the likelihood of over-production in fruit, almost without exception the answer was in the negative, qualified as above outlined. Careful investigation has shown that not more than ten per cent. of the trees planted in the Eastern States become commercially profitable, and it is estimated that not more than twenty per cent. in Oregon and Washington, and possibly a similar amount in British Columbia, are likely to reach this condition. Moreover, a number of years must elapse before an orchard will produce in quantity. The markets for fruit in city and country are increasing rapidly, the taste of the people is being cultivated for a larger use of fruit in their daily diet, and numerous large allied industries depend upon fruit for their raw material. Taking all these factors into consideration, no immediate fear need be experienced as to disastrous results from over-production in the near future.

Reference has been made to the rapid

increase and development in connection with the preservation of fruits in glass and tin. There are at present a very large number of factories engaged in this industry, with an enormous annual output of fruits and vegetables. This product is distributed from one end of Canada to the other, and a considerable portion is exported annually. The factories are widely spread and located in close proximity to the supply of raw material and from the fact that their contracts are made in advance and sometimes for several years ahead, the fruit grower has a sure and definite market for his product and can devote his energies to producing a crop with the full assurance of a market already provided.

The manufacture of unfermented wine and cider is also being taken up on a comparatively large scale in some sections and bids fair to attain important proportions in the near future. In view of the rapidly changing sentiment of the Canadian people on the question of the use of intoxicating liquors, this industry is likely to be well sustained and become quite profitable.

A large number of evaporators have been established at strategic points where quantities of apples, which for any reason may not be adapted for shipment in their fresh state, may be put in a condition that will enable them to be transported to any part of the world.

Taking everything into consideration the outlook for the extension and development of the fruit areas of Canada is very bright, and it only remains for those whose inclination leads them in this direction, to go up and possess the land and reap the rewards of well-directed effort.

## Items of Interest

By the figures in the Canadian customs report for the year ending March 31, 1916, Holland is credited with the importation of dried and evaporated apples to the extent of \$195,325 of our product. There is a large and increasing trade for dried fruits of this description both in Germany and in Holland, especially to points of the Rhine.

The Auburn Nursery Company has secured an additional nursery at Oakville, Ontario, comprising one hundred acres. It will be devoted to the production of landscape stock and ornamentals. The company has succeeded in securing the services of Mr. Roderick Cameron, formerly superintendent of Queen Victoria Park, Niagara Falls, and lately superintendent of parks in Toronto. The increasing demand for this line of stock has led to the establishment of this nursery.

Prof. E. M. Straight, formerly of Macdonald College, has received the appointment of Director of Demonstrations, Maine. Prof. Straight was a frequent contributor to The Canadian Horticulturist while at the Macdonald College, and hopes at some future time to tell the readers of The Canadian Horticulturist something of the nature of the demonstration work in Maine.

The Canadian Horticulturist should be read by every flower lover, from one end of the Dominion to the other. I am sending my November issue to a lady living in Sydney, Vancouver Island, and have written her advising her to subscribe for two years.—Chas. Jas. Fox, South London, Ont.

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