

HORTICULTURE

Fruit Crop Conditions

There has been a falling off in fruit crop conditions. The prospects are not as good as they were earlier in the season. Apples have fallen badly; early varieties promise an average crop; winter sorts, medium.

P. GIBBY CO., N.S.

Hectanooga. — The outlook is for a fairly good crop, although dry weather is beginning to tell on the fruit. — A. J. D.

HANTS CO., N.S.

Gore. — The outlook for apples and cherries is good. Pears and plums will be scarce. Small fruit is very plentiful. — J. A. W.

ANNAPOLIS CO., N.S.

Falkland Ridge. — Although blossoms were abundant, the fruit set sparingly. Dry weather has caused many apples to fall. — C. R. M.

HUNTINGDON CO., QUE.

Maritana. — In my orchard there is a wonderful crop of Fameuse, the trees being as full as they can carry, but this is not general. Other kinds promise a medium crop. — W. G. P.

HOCHELAGA CO., QUE.

Westmount. — It has been very dry for raspberries. Cherries were a big crop; plums, good; pears, medium. Apples have dropped badly, and this will save a lot of thinning. Early varieties are a heavy crop; late only medium. — R. B.

DURHAM CO., ONT.

Newcastle. — Apple crop will be from light to medium, being somewhat thin on bearing trees. If growing conditions are favorable, the fruit will likely be large and of good quality. Pears are almost a complete failure. Small fruits are light. — W. R.

PRINCE EDWARD CO., ONT.

Rednersville. — Cherries are a medium crop; plums, a failure; pears, very light; Duchess and Fameuse apples, a good crop; Spys, light; other fall and winter varieties, only medium. The quality promises well. The rain of July 17th saved the crop to a certain extent, as large numbers were dropping on account of the heat and dry weather. — H. D.

LINCOLN CO., ONT.

Grimsby. — Cherry crop has been light. Raspberries promise to be excellent in quality and quantity. Early peaches will be light and all of the Crawford type very scarce. Later varieties are more abundant. Elbertas are making a fair showing. Plums and pears in my orchard are only medium. — J. M. M.

LAMBERTON CO., ONT.

Forest. — Apples promise about two-thirds of last year's crop. Sprayed fruit is good; unsprayed, the worst I have seen in years. Peaches will yield a medium crop; plums and pears, a full crop. — D. J.

Foreign Money in Our Orchards

F. J. Carey, Dominion Fruit Inspector, Toronto

The practice of foreign dealers ruthlessly advancing money early in the season to all classes of men to operate in the orchards is responsible for a great many of the troubles of the apple business. This system encourages the wildest and most unbusinesslike transactions in the way of

purchasing and handling of fruit. The business man who is using his own capital, and wants to work on a business basis, has little chance against such opposition.

We would have a much healthier trade if the orchard operations were in the hands of the growers or reputable dealers who have their own money invested. Then, when our fruit is properly and honestly packed, we are ready for the Englishman and his money, and will be prepared to give him a square deal.

Changes in Prize List

Several important changes have been made in the fruit prize list of the Canadian National Exhibition, Toronto. In the sections for plate fruit, the prize list calls for nine specimens on each plate instead of five as formerly. These sections cover apples, pears, and peaches. In the case of plums, 20 specimens are called for instead of 12 as formerly. Prizes have been added for pyramids of fruit. The management of the exhibition

has felt that the display of fruit in the past has not been as attractive as it should have been. It is believed that the prizes offered warrant these changes being made.

If the readers of The Canadian Dairyman and Farming World are having trouble with insects and plant diseases that they are not acquainted with, send specimens for identification and for remedial suggestions to the horticultural editor of The Canadian Dairyman and Farming World.

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Millions of tons of iron ore underlie the farm lands in the Cuyuna District. Heavy options for leases on Cuyuna Range have been paid since the discovery of iron ore in this locality. In one instance \$100,000 cash was paid for the privilege of exploring fifteen 40-acre tracts. The Northwestern Improvement Company, organized by the Northern Pacific Railway interests to develop iron deposits along their railroad paid a \$6,000.00 fee on a tract of land which only a few years previous was sold by their agent for \$20.00.

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