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SPRAYING THE 1920 APPLE CROP

By G. E. Saunders Dominion Entomological Laboratory, Annapolis Royal, N. S.

It seems to be the opinion of growers that the apple trees are well loaded with blossom buds, and though indications are that we will have more than the average quantity of blossoms yet there seems every probability that the blossoms will be weaker than usual for the three following reasons: First, the large crop of 1919 undoubtedly reduce the vitality of the trees somewhat. Second, the frosts of October 1919 caused the leaves to drop some weeks earlier than usual thus weakening the buds. Third, the extreme low temperatures of the past winter have, in the opinion of many orchardists, lowered the vitality of the buds of many varieties.

With a prospect of a fairly heavy but weak bloom, the orchardists should take steps to correct the weakness and guard against injury so far as lays in his power.

It is a well known fact that the more pollen is distributed to the petals of the apple blossoms, the better the set of fruit will be. The amount of pollen that is needed to set a crop varies with the vitality of the trees. It would appear therefore that we will need the maximum quantity of pollination in 1920; or we shall need the maximum quantity of domestic bees for bees are the most useful pollinizers amongst insects. Domestic bees are now very scarce in the Annapolis Valley, and it is worth while for every orchardist to obtain a hive or so of bees for use in his orchard during the blossoming season of 1920.

The use of stimulating fertilizer about apple trees just as the buds are bursting or before the blossoms, has a great effect in strengthening the trees and so causing blossoms to set that would otherwise drop.

Probably the most important thing to consider this year is the spraying material. We must only use sprays that we know will not weaken the leaves and blossoms and cause fruit removal. Therefore we should avoid the use of lime sulphur on apples. We should use spray in order to insure a crop, we know from the season of 1913, when those who sprayed before the blossoms, had full crops, while those who did not, had practically all their blossoms and sets removed by apple scab. In 1919 we narrowly escaped the same state of affairs, but the scab starting a little later gave those who neglected pre-blossom spraying a very dirty crop instead of no crop.

The 1912 spray calendar has proved to be almost perfect for Nova Scotia conditions both in insect control and freedom from russetting and fruit removal. The formulas given below are those advocated.

First spray when leaves are the size of a ten cent piece.
3-10-40 Bordeaux, 1 lb Arsenate of lime to 40 gallons water.
Second spray when blossoms are showing pink.
2-10-40 Bordeaux, 1 lb Arsenate of lime to 40 gallon water.

Third spray when petals fall.
1 lb soluble sulphur 1 lb arsenate of lime, 5 lbs hydrated lime, to 40 gallons water.

Fourth spray two weeks after blossoms fall.
21-10-10 Bordeaux, 1 lb arsenate of lime to 40 gallons of water.

The united fruit companies have this year laid in a full supply of finely crystallized copper sulphate and hydrated lime so that growers can make their Bordeaux by the quick method and so handle only dry materials in mixing. The quick method is to weigh out the proper quantity of finely crystallized copper sulphate and put it either in the strainer or in the spray tank before starting to fill with water. Either run the water in over the copper sulphate in the strainer or keep the agitator running while filling—if the material is in the tank. When the tank is about 3-4 full, dump in the hydrated lime. The agitator must be running rapidly when the lime is added in order to distribute it thoroughly before it dissolves, so giving the effect of mixing dilute solutions together. Last of all the poison should be added.

In orchards or on varieties very susceptible to apple scab it might be best to make the second and fourth application of spray 3-10-40 instead of 2-10-40 Bordeaux. Better scab control will result and the increased amount of russetting will be negligible. One of the most important points in making Bordeaux for the apple is always to use at least three times as much lime as copper sulphate. This eliminates danger of foliage yellowing such as we used to get from the use of such formulas as 4-4-40 Bordeaux.

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A REAL LIVE TESTIMONIAL

Given to Professor Hamilton, of Hampton, N. S.

Miss Nellie Bent, who has spent several weeks at Hampton this spring under the care of Prof. Hamilton, desires to express through this paper, her appreciation of the great benefit she has received from his treatment. She had been in failing health for sometime and all last winter had been practically an invalid, spending a great part of her time in bed, owing to languor and weakness. Since taking Prof. Hamilton's treatment she seems like another person and is now able to enjoy life and to be a help to her sister, Mrs. Gilbert Lowe, in her house work. She feels that she owes a debt of gratitude to Prof. Hamilton as the human agency responsible for her improved condition.

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