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NEW PRAIRIE FRUIT MARKET COMMISSIONER.

A despatch from Mr. Winslow, Provincial Horticulturist at Calgary, states that Mr. J. Forsythe Smith, who has been Prairie Fruit Market Commissioner under the Horticultural Branch of the Department of Agriculture since June, 1911, has left the Provincial service, his resignation taking effect on August 17th. His place has been filled by the appointment of Mr. W. E. McTaggart, of Vancouver, who entered on his duties August 24th.

Mr. Smith proceeded immediately to Ottawa, en route to Manchester, England, where he takes a new position, that of Canadian Fruit Trade Commissioner. It is the stated intention of the Dominion Government to carry on in Great Britain, a campaign to increase the trade in Canadian apples. Methods will be used similar to those developed in B. C. work in the prairies, so that Mr. Smith's previous experience will be of service to him in the larger field.

It is expected that Mr. Smith's presence in the English markets will assist in developing a bigger trade from B. C. Intending shippers are invited to correspond direct with him, addressed care Canadian Trade Commissioner's Office, Manchester, England.

Owing to the very short notice of Mr. Smith's resignation it has been found necessary for the undersigned to go on the prairie market for a certain time. All official communications intended for my personal attention should, until further notice, be addressed to the above office. Communications to be dealt with by the secretary of the Horticultural branch should be sent to Victoria as usual.

R. M. WINSLOW,
Provincial Horticulturist,
Sec. B. C. Fruit Growers' Association.

BRITISH COLUMBIA APPLE CROP.

The total apple production in British Columbia for this year is now estimated by the Department of Agriculture at 600,000 boxes. This is a considerable drop from the 1914 yield which was estimated at 684,800 boxes.

The department in this crop report No. 4, enumerates the varieties of apples in the various districts which will produce the bulk of the crop this year as follows: Lower Mainland and Islands: Wealthy, King, Spy and Gravenstein. Kamloops-Ashcroft: Wealthy, Wagener, Jonathan and Winesap. Salmon Arm-Armstrong: Wealthy, Jonathan, McIntosh, Spy, Wagener, Home Beauty and Ben Davis. Okanagan: Wealthy, Jonathan, McIntosh, Wagener and Ben Davis. Grand Forks: Wealthy, McIntosh, Spy, Home Beauty, Wagener and Ben Davis. Nelson-Creston: Wealthy, Gravenstein, McIntosh, Jonathan, Wagener, Spy and Baldwin.

During the last month the weather conditions in British Columbia have been more favorable for all fruits. There were few complaints of recent scab development on account of excessive rains; heavy winds were conspicuously absent, and injury from hail was reported from two small sections only.

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