

NOTES FROM THE PROVINCES

Eastern Annapolis Valley

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During the history of apple growing in Nova Scotia, there has never been such a shortage of fruit as this year; however as the apples begin to show themselves larger, those orchardists who at first thought that they would only have fifty barrels now estimate the crop to be a hundred and even more, so that the outlook is a trifle better than was expected, but it is going to be a very hard year for those who have only apples to count upon. Only the best hands will be put on in the packing houses which will make it hard for the laborer as well as the grower. In the western part of the valley several people have not sufficient fruit for their own use.

In the low lying district of Aylesford a severe frost during the latter part of August destroyed cranberries, beans, corn and vines, while in the east of the county the beans and corn are still fresh at the time of writing, September 14th.

Fruit trees look a dark rich green and promise in the future to make good their year of rest. The trees in the nursery rows have made luxuriant growth and orders for 1911 and 1912 are coming in very fast.

The budding of apple and plum trees finished about the middle of September.

Apple speculators have been very quiet. Kings have been sold for \$4.50 a bbl., \$3.00 has been offered for Gravensteins, Duchess \$2.50, and Crimson Beauty \$4.00.

British Columbia

"The provincial government will make exhibits of provincial fruit at the leading centres throughout the United Kingdom during the coming season, on similar lines as in previous years. A carload will go forward about October 9 in charge of Mr. R. Bullock-Webster, provincial exhibition commissioner. It is also intended to forward a second car later in order to reach London in time for the Royal Horticultural society show at Vincent Square. By this means we will be enabled to stage a better exhibit than in previous years, owing to the fact that the fruit can be picked later and will have a better color.

The weekly reports of British Columbia's fruit Commissioner, Mr. J. C. Metcalfe, who continues to visit the different markets for fruit in the prairie provinces, are being followed closely by our growers and shippers. It is believed that his work among the fruit dealers in the different cities is leading them to take a greater interest in British Columbia fruit. His descriptions of the methods of packing fol-

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