

The Prospects for a Fruit Crop

REPORTS from the fruit districts of Canada indicate that growers are expecting a good crop of most kinds of fruits. The following information from crop correspondents of THE CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST point out the situation in the leading localities:

VALE AND CARIBOU, B.C.

Spence's Bridge.—The spring was favorable for fruit. There will be a good average crop of apples, cherries and plums.—A. Clemes.

Kamloops.—The fruit yield will be light owing to the severe weather of the past winter, which was the coldest experienced in this district for 20 years.—A. E. Meighen.

Enderby.—Pears and apples will yield a heavy crop. Plums and cherries fair.—W. L. Allan.

Peachland.—Last winter was a cold one for this section, yet there is a show for a good crop. We expect a fair to good crop of peaches, apples, pears, plums and cherries. Raspberries are showing well.—C. Aitkens.

GREY COUNTY, ONT.

Owen Sound.—There was an excellent bloom and indications point to a good crop in all lines of fruit.—Adam Brown.

Clarksburg.—The prospects for a good crop are A1. Spys probably will yield about two-thirds crop.—J. G. Mitchell.

LAMBTON COUNTY, ONT.

Forest.—The prospects for apples are exceptionally good. They blossomed well, and the weather has been favorable for the setting of fruits. Plums and peaches also promise well; raspberries, only fair; and strawberries, almost a total failure.—D. Johnson.

ESSEX COUNTY, ONT.

Ruthven.—Fruit prospects are not promising. Late frosts practically ruined the early strawberries; late varieties will be fair; raspberries, fair. Cherries bloomed nicely, but did not set well. The peach crop will be short, as many trees were winter-killed. Pear trees look well, but are not heavily loaded. Apples alone promise an abundant crop. Tomatoes are backward.—J. O. Duke.

ELGIN COUNTY, ONT.

Sparta.—Everything was well loaded with blossoms, except Baldwins and they were bare.—J. A. Webster.

OXFORD COUNTY, ONT.

Burgessville.—The prospects are good for fruit trees in general. On apple trees there was at least a two-thirds bloom. Growers anticipate a good harvest. Plums, cherries and pears also look well.—R. A. Siple.

WENTWORTH COUNTY, ONT.

Winona.—There has been a very heavy bloom on all apple trees. Pears bloomed well, but are not setting satisfactorily; some varieties are very light. Plums promise a full crop

except the Japan varieties, some of which will be a failure. Peaches will give a good crop, although some trees are winter-killed. Cherries will be light, especially the sweet ones. Grapes wintered well, but are backward. Strawberry crop is medium; canners are offering \$1.70 a 24 quart crate. Raspberries, medium, \$1.75 a crate.—Murray Pettit.

Bartonville.—The raspberry crop will be light. Strawberry acreage is small, but the beds are looking well. The outlook for a general crop of fruit is quite favorable.—Thos. Tregunno.

Hamilton.—The strawberry crop will not be large; price \$2.00 a crate of 24 boxes. The raspberry crop will be short and the price high. Cherries, plums, pears, currants and gooseberries promise a good crop. Peaches are dropping badly, and indications point to a light crop. The grape prospects are for a heavy yield.—Jas. A. Stevens.

BRANT COUNTY, ONT.

Paris.—The bloom indicated a fair crop, but it is too early to predict.—C. W. Gurney.

HALTON COUNTY, ONT.

Oakville.—Prospects are good for a large crop in the tree fruits. Gooseberries and currants will be light.—W. H. MacNeil.

Georgetown.—There was a splendid show of bloom on all kinds of fruit trees. We anticipate a good crop of apples. Considerable interest is being taken in the cooperative movement.—F. J. Barber.

PEEL COUNTY, ONT.

Clarkson.—Cherries, plums and pears are setting well and indicate a good crop. Apples also promise well. The strawberry crop promises to turn out fair to very good. Raspberries will be only medium. The prospects are good for blackberries, gooseberries and currants.—W. G. Horne.

DURHAM COUNTY, ONT.

Newcastle.—Prospects are promising for a large crop except in those varieties that bore heavily last year. Raspberries were partly winter-killed, but will yield a fair crop. Cherries, plums and pears were full of blossoms.—W. H. Gibson.

HASTINGS COUNTY, ONT.

Trenton.—The bloom on fruit trees indicated a large crop of most fruits. Japanese plums will be a total failure and also some varieties of the European type.—W. H. Dempsey.

GRENVILLE COUNTY, ONT.

Maitland.—Early and fall apples bloomed heavily; Fameuse, in particular, had a full bloom with perfect weather for fertilization, and have set a full crop. Winter apples are light, but they do not figure largely in this section. Pears and plums will be light; what few cherry trees there are promise a full crop.—Harold Jones.

Doncaster.—Crops are two weeks late. Some onions and parsnips had to be re-sown on account of a poor catch. Rhubarb is not plentiful; price has kept up. Tomatoes were put out about two weeks later than usual and probably will give the greenhouse crop a better show.—Gibbard.

PEEL COUNTY

Clarkson.—Early potatoes are looking well. Onions planted on light soil have dampened off considerably, on heavy soil look well. Early corn is backward. Tomatoes and early cucumbers are looking fairly well. Early melons have felt the cold winds and look a bit yellow; a bad sign.—W. G. Horne.

HALTON COUNTY

Burlington.—The acreage of onions is slightly larger than last season. Early cabbage looks fine; cutting commenced last week. Tomatoes, peppers, egg plants and melons have made little growth but are improving. Early potatoes, peas and beans are doing well. Table carrots, parsnips and beets were planted lightly but are looking well. Wireworms have been rather destructive, especially on onions and melons.—J. A. Lindlay.

HAMILTON DISTRICT

Beans, peas, potatoes and corn are doing nicely. Owing to scarcity of potatoes there has been a good demand for early spring truck and prices have remained firm for asparagus, lettuce and onions. Tomatoes will not be a heavy crop; growers are expecting higher prices than last year. The acreage of potatoes is 20% increased.—Jas. A. Stevens.

Bartonville.—New beets are coming in plentifully and selling at 60 cents a doz. Early cabbages are bringing 75 cts. to \$1 a doz.—Thos. Tregunno.

KENT COUNTY

Chatham.—Everything is backward. Radishes are coming in in fair quantities. Onions are somewhat scarce. The acreage of Dutch sets is larger than usual, and probably there will be a good supply. The acreage of tomatoes is about the same as in past years. Early potatoes are backward; old stock is scarce at \$1.25 a bag.—Fred. Collins.

WELLAND COUNTY

Niagara Falls South.—Vegetables are growing fast and making up for lost time. Beans are looking fine, though late. Melons, squash and cucumbers are just beginning to grow nicely. Corn will be a month late. Indications point to a good season although two or more weeks behind.—Thos. R. Stokes.

ESSEX COUNTY

Leamington.—Cabbages are growing well and will be on the market about July 1. Early tomatoes were held back but are now doing fine; they will be three weeks late. Hot-house cucumbers are selling at \$1.60 a 11-quart basket; there are not enough to supply the demand, and some are coming in from Boston.—E. E. Adams.

LAMBTON COUNTY

Sarnia.—Vegetables are doing well except tomatoes. There is about the average acreage; potatoes are 10% to 20% above. Some patches of seed onions have been damaged by wireworms.—W. A. Broughton, Sarnia.

Ontario Vegetable Crops

ALTHOUGH the season is backward, growers expect a fair to good crop of most vegetables. The fine growing weather during the latter half of June has brought the crops along rapidly. The situation in the various districts is mentioned in the reports of crop correspondents of the Ontario Vegetable Growers' Association, as follows:

OTTAWA DISTRICT

Billings Bridge.—The usual crops are being grown. The acreage of tomatoes and melons will be double that of last year. Asparagus has been plentiful. Rhubarb has been a glut. Green onions were plentiful.—T. Mockett.

LENNOX AND ADDINGTON

Napanee.—Potatoes planted extensively, are three weeks late, and have come up unevenly;

prospects are for half a crop. Maggots are affecting seed onions badly.—E. M. Sherman.

TORONTO DISTRICT

Humber Bay.—Early sown roots, such as beets, carrots, and parsnips, came up unevenly owing to the long cold weather. Seed onions also are thin and not so many sown as in past years. Some large patches of Dutch set onions have been planted; they are an extra good crop. Transplanted onions have just begun to grow. Transplanted beets are about ready for market. Cabbage and cauliflower look fairly well. Celery is growing slowly. Beans came up poorly. Corn on light soil looks well; on heavy soil almost a failure. Spinach is a good crop but poor sale. Radishes are plentiful. Outside lettuce is coming in with prices lower than usual.—J. W. Rush.

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