

PROVINCIAL NOTES

Eastern Annapolis Valley

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The apple crop promises to be one of the biggest ever seen in Nova Scotia. The young fruits have set well and there were no frosts to destroy or injure the blossoms. The month of May was very dry, but a heavy shower fell on June 1st and then came a dry period until June 13th when there was another heavy rain; till then things were beginning to look serious.

Small seeds have been very slow in germinating, and those put in early have suffered from the attacks of cutworms, which are very plentiful. A nest of the brown tail moth containing caterpillars was found in Waterville and sent to Truro College for identification.

Strawberries looked in fine condition until the drought, even now there may be more than expected. Frost is reported to have damaged them in Yarmouth County.

Plums do not seem as plentiful as other fruits. Cherries, pears, blackberries, raspberries and currants are loaded with fruit.

In spite of the late spring, the warm weather hurried the apple blossoms out about a week earlier than usual, so that by June 1st there was hardly a blossom to be seen. The lawns have a dried up, August appearance, and the hay crop is almost a failure. The power sprayers have proved to be rapid and more economical than the hand pumps, and probably will soon put the old-fashioned spray rigs out of business. Canker worms are in some orchards in Waterville.

New Brunswick

Apples promise a good crop. The trees came through the winter well, bloomed heavily, set a good proportion of the bloom and have escaped any injurious frost. Many new orchards were started this spring.

As an instance of the development in apple growing that is coming, may be cited the formation last winter of the St. John Valley Fruit and Farm Land Company. This company holds some twelve thousand acres of first-class apple land with a beautiful frontage on the St. John River, at Burton, seventeen miles below Fredericton. The company is developing a large orchard on the unit system and planted two thousand trees this spring and proposes planting between five thousand and ten thousand trees next year. The balance of the property will probably be developed in ten, fifteen and twenty-five acre lots, planted to orchard and with suitable buildings erected. Great progress has already been made and the work of clearing land, making roads, etc., is going forward rapidly. The newly set orchards are composed mainly of Fameuse, McIntosh Red, Wealthy, Alexander or Wolfe River, Duchess and Bethel.

More illustration orchards have been planted in the counties of Queens, Westmoreland, Kent and Northumberland.

Demonstration orchard work on trees of bearing age, after the manner conducted in Ontario, has been taken up in York, Sunbury and Albert counties. Tent caterpillars in many sections have completely stripped unsprayed orchards, but in the demonstration plots they were completely wiped out by the lime sulphur 1-40 and lead arsenate two pounds solution. In one plot of one hundred trees sprayed only once with lime

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