

Fruit Crop Prospects

Apples will not be a bumper crop, but there will be a good many more to be marketed this year than last. Numerous reports that Farm and Dairy has received from its special correspondents and from managers of Cooperative Fruit-Growers' Associations, indicate almost an average crop. Only two correspondents, Mr. Gibson, in Durham county, and Mr. Mitchell, in Grey county, report a crop behind last year's.

The wet season has been peculiarly favorable to the growth of fungus diseases, and in unsprayed orchards much fruit distinctly inferior in quality will be harvested. Even in sprayed orchards the fruit will be of inferior coloring, but otherwise sound and good. Price prospects are none too favorable to the fruit grower. Mr. J. G. Waite, of Northernland county reports that the first price this season was \$2.75 f. o. b., but has since dropped considerably below that. Mr. Elmer Lick reports that in Ontario county some fruit has been sold as low as 50 cents a barrel on the tree. This year, as in other years, the lucky ones are those who sell to Cooperative Fruit-Growers' Associations. These associations, by guaranteeing their fruit, are securing prices impossible to the individual grower. The reports of some of our correspondents follow.

AHEAD OF LAST YEAR

"The apple crop here is considerably heavier than last year; a full crop in many varieties. Greenings are light, Ben Davis, Russet, King and Spitzenberg, all medium, with Duchess, Wealthy, Baldwin and Spire a full crop. Snow, Greening and kindred varieties are rather bad with scab. The quality of other varieties is good, if not better, than in previous years. Low prices have induced packers to put up a better grade of fruit. Those who sold early received \$2.75 f. o. b., but the market now is low except for choice red fruit. Prices have dropped from \$1.25 to 75 cents to \$1 on the trees."—J. G. Waite, Northernland Co.

"Apples are about 50 to 60 per cent of last year's crop; much in poorly graded orchards is injured by fungus; use of fruit good but poor color."—W. H. Gibson, Durham Co.

ONE-HALF OF LAST YEAR

"The apple crop is less than one-half of last year. Baldwins and Ben Davis are heavy; size good; color poor. It is only in well sprayed orchards with good air drainage that fruit is found. Buyers started at \$1 on trees for No. 1 and No. 2. Some have been bought at 50 cents a barrel lately."—Elmer Lick, Ontario Co.

"With the single exception of Spies the apple crop is probably 30 per cent heavier than last year, but I doubt if there will be as many packed. Unsprayed orchards are almost a complete failure."—W. F. Bradley, Halton Co.

"Apples are an average crop. Plums and cherries average and peaches heavy. Peaches and pears are never larger in size, but the berries are not as good as usual. Strawberries, raspberries are very light, grapes average. Tomatoes a fairly good crop."—Robt. Thomson, Lincoln Co.

APHIDS REDUCE YIELD

"Many orchards have been badly affected with aphids and the crop is not as large nor the quality as good as a year ago. Greening and King are very light; Spy and Ben Davis are lost."—G. H. Mitchell, Grey Co.

"Apples are 75 per cent of a full crop and much heavier than last year. Baldwins and Ben Davis are the heaviest varieties. Spraying is

becoming more general and giving splendid results. Prices are about \$1 on the tree."—W. A. McGeachy, Kent Co.

"Practically all the farmers here spray, which has resulted in the best crop of apples in many years; three times as many as last year. The quality is good. Most of the apples are handled by fruit growers' associations and good prices are realized."—D. Johnson, Lambton Co., Ont.

The International Dairy Show

Canada is missing a great deal through not having a National Dairy Show, in which the dairy interests could unite to bring all phases of the industry to public attention and to bring about greater unity in the different factors interested in dairying. An editor of Farm and Dairy, while in Chicago last week, was much impressed with a similar fact, that he visited to the Live Stock Pavilion, in which arrangements for the National Dairy Show, which has now been held for some years in the United States, were being completed. The great floor space of this large building appeared to be at a premium, as in all manner of dairy appliances were in course of being placed for the approaching exhibitor.

They included not only the various utensils used in cheese factories and creameries, but those used by milk dealers, refrigeration plants, and many others of a similar kind. The exhibit of cheese and butter had not been placed, although one striking exhibit of butter was noticed representing President Taft seated on an elephant, while adjoining was the figure of Ex-President Wood in a milk boat. These figures were six or seven feet high, and made completely of butter.

DAIRY CATTLE EXHIBIT

It was reported that the exhibit of dairy cattle was interfered with somewhat through the fact that exhibition at Milwaukee was to be held at the same time, which tended to divide up the entries. Although the dairy cattle were not to be judged for nearly a week later, practically all the exhibitors were on hand with their stock. It was late at night when our editor visited the stable, and most of the stock were covered. It was noticed, however, that, without exception, the animals were being brought into grand form, while the large entry, exceeding by far anything ever shown at the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto, made it evident that the show was going to be a grand one.

Guernseys were shown in the greatest number. Some very fine heifers were brought out, the animals showing greater constitution and better dairy type than the Guernseys usually shown in Canada. About 10 or 12 herds were entered. These included those of Dr. C. Christensen, of Wisconsin; Bent Bros., Oglesby, Ill.; Charles Hill, near Chicago, Ill.; J. M. Wood Farm, Mount Kisco, N. Y.; F. H. Tichenor, Oconomowoc, Wis.; F. L. Lohr, Ames, North Eastern, Mass., and W. W. Marsh, of Waterloo, Iowa. The exhibit of Jerseys was almost equally as large, the best of herds from about the same. This is about double the number shown last year. The exhibitors included Sheffield Farm, Glendale, Ohio; J. J. Deering, of Villa, Ill., and John F. Boyd, Rushville, Ind.

HOLSTEINS

The exhibit of Holsteins was a creditable one, about 65 being represented. These included Hazelwood Farm, of Washington, which showed some 37 head; R. A. Haeger, of Algonquin, Ill., 28 head; Frank White,

Hampton, Iowa, 18 head; and Freer Bros., of Wisconsin, seven head.

Only two herds of Ayrshires were entered. These were composed of unusually good animals. About five herds were shown last year. The two herds represented were those of Barclay Farms, Rosemont, Pa., with 24 head, and Adam Seitz, of Waukesha, Wis., with 20 head. The latter herd was headed by a grand bull bred by R. R. Ness.

Strader's herd, of Coros, Cal., was represented by a large exhibit of Dutch belted cattle. The white bands around these cattle would make a sensation were a herd of them to be shown at an exhibition in Eastern Canada.

BROWN SWISS

Two excellent herds of Brown Swiss cattle were stabled. These included those of E. M. Barton, of Hinsdale, 25 head, and Alvynhurst Farm, Delavan, Wis., 19 head. The animals in these herds were unusually rugged specimens of dairy breeding, and showed indications of deep milk producing qualities. It is a type of dairy cattle that is likely to make considerable progress during the next few years.

A full report of the exhibition will be published in next week's issue from the pen of an editorial representative of Farm and Dairy who is now in Chicago.

Grading and Packing Poultry

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packs a dozen. Also for capons, weighing six pounds each.

Box No. 4—15½x14½x6 inches inside. This box will hold 12 double layer roaster packed chickens, weighing 30 to 40 pounds a dozen. It is the ideal box to use in packing mid-dleweight chickens roaster style. It

can also be used for packing 12 fowl weighing 38 pounds to the dozen.

Box No. 5—17½x15½ inches inside. This box will hold 12 double layer roaster style chickens, weighing 43 to 48 pounds a dozen, and is used for that purpose universally. It will also hold to quite good advantage, 12 fowl weighing up to 65 pounds a dozen.

Alfalfa is one of the greatest crops grown on the farm, which I intend to use in preference to red clover for a pasture crop on my farm.—John Beecher, Brant Co., Ont.

I appreciate Farm and Dairy, and value very highly the information it contains concerning both farm and home management.—I. V. Tollitt, York Co., Ont.

FOR SALE AND WANT ADVERTISING

FOR QUICK SALE—Ten thoroughbred White Leghorn Cockerels. One dollar each. Write at once—W. F. Payne, R.R. No. 2, Lakefield, Ontario.

SELL YOUR SURPLUS PURE-BRED FOWL. A small ad. right here will cost you only 25¢ a word, with our order. It should make the sale for you.

FOR SALE—Iron Pipe, Pullers, Netting, Hauls, Chains, Wire Fencing, Iron Posts, etc., all sizes, very cheap. Send for ad. stating what you want.—The Imperial Waste and Metal Co., Dept. F.D., Queen Street, Montreal.

NOW IS THE TIME TO BUY pure-bred fowls for breeding next season. Those who have for sale will find ready buyers when advertising in this column of Farm and Dairy. Write out your ad. now and send it to us for next week's issue.

BARRED PLYMOUTH ROCK COCKERELS for sale. Maundell College strain. 2 dollars upwards. Others 1 dollar each.—J. Dykes, Jr., Mayflower Farm, St. Lambert, Que.



Holsteins

Holstein cattle have been growing in popularity for years. They will continue to grow in popularity for many years to come.

Perhaps, dear reader of my advertisement, you are one of those who believe that the end is in sight for the popularity of Holstein cattle. That case you will be wise to look into the question and to study it with an open mind and without prejudice.

Q What are the facts of the case? A There are many Holstein cattle giving from 20,000 to 35,000 lbs. milk in one year. They are giving up to 1,000 lbs. of butter in one year. They are pure-bred, carefully handled.

Q Grading herds of Holstein breeders have been discovered giving up to 17,000 lbs. of milk in one year. Several herds of grade Holstein cattle in Ontario 9,000 lbs. of milk through a single lactation period.

Q Where can you find another breed of cattle to equal these records here made by Holstein cattle?

Perhaps you can plan to come to Toronto while the cheap rates are on at the time of the Horticultural Convention and the Apple Show. For one, my farm is but a short ride out on the Metropolitan Electric Railway from North Toronto. Let me know when you are coming and I will arrange to be on hand to meet you, and show you over my cattle at The Manor Farm.

In my big herd you can get the selection you want. I have individuals that will make you an excellent foundation for a herd of pure bred Holsteins. I have individuals that will mate to your advantage with your grade cows and build you up a better paying herd. Bear in mind that I price my stuff reasonable, so that it will make you money.

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