

APPLES

Owing to the cold, late spring the blossoming season has been very much delayed, and Ontario orchards did not bloom until the early part of last week.

It must be borne in mind that the report which follows is based entirely upon the bloom, and that many factors may interfere to change the prospects.

District 5—Apple trees are only now coming into bloom in New Brunswick, and are about two weeks later than usual.

District 6—The latest reports from Nova Scotia state that the bloom is very heavy and that spraying is more general than usual.

Districts 7 and 8—No reports have been received from Prince Edward Island or sections of Nova Scotia outside the Annapolis Valley.

Districts 9 and 10—Reports from all sections of British Columbia have been very favorable.

the crop at about 25 per cent larger than 1916.

United States Prospects New York—Cold, wet weather delayed the blossom about two weeks, but during pollination was much more favorable.

Oregon.—The blossoms on apples has been uniformly heavy. The pear crop in Southern Oregon looks to be extremely large.

Idaho.—Prospects for all kinds of fruit were never better.

Montana—Apples promise better than normal; sour cherries average, and sweet cherries a light crop.

Washington—The prospects are exceedingly good for all kinds of fruit. Growers in Yakima Valley expect nearly a 50 per cent increase over last year's crop.

Note—A later report states that unfavorable weather in some of the above districts will seriously interfere with the "set."

Michigan—Early apples promise good crop and winter varieties, with the exception of Baldwins, fair to good.

By the time the war is over Germany will have lost more than 50 per cent of her merchant shipping.

lost by mines and torpedoes 452,000 tons, by capture by the enemy 807,000 and by loss in the harbors of the United States 2,341,000 tons.

Germany has but 2,410,000 with which to start trading again.

TAKE CARE OF YOUR FRUIT AND EXPECT FAIR RETURNS

It seems to be a very common belief that in the event of the British embargo remaining in its present form and prohibiting the entry of apples into that country, growers may experience difficulties in the marketing of their crop.

The present indications are that the Ontario apple crop will not be greater than it was last year.

It will be remembered that there were never too many apples in our home markets, and although considerable quantities of fruit were shipped to Britain, there is every reason to believe that had the present embargo prevented the ocean transportation of Canadian apples, the demand in Canada would have been sufficiently great to have disposed of the crop at a fair price and without marketing difficulties.

If we would bear in mind the situation that existed in 1914, we would remember that Ontario had a particularly large crop of apples and that much of the fruit was never marketed, as growers did not consider that prices would be sufficiently high to warrant the cost of packing.

Later in that season there was an extreme shortage of Canadian apples. Canadian markets were paying high prices for such fruit as they could obtain, and in the spring months it was necessary to import American apples to meet the demand.

Growers should make every effort to produce a clean crop of apples, utterly regardless of the fact that the export market may be cut off.

There has never been any great demand for low grade apples and always a good demand for fruit of good quality.

AVONPORT

Miss Olive Parker of Halifax spent the recent holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Otis Parker.

Mrs. William Holmes spent a few days last week with her sister, Mrs. O. Pudsey at Greenwich.

Miss Lillian Borden who has been visiting her aunt Mrs. Gould of Wolfville returned home on Monday.

Avonport had among its holiday visitors, Miss Cora Walsh of Halifax.

Blue Beach is rapidly becoming a favorite summer resort. On Monday it had a large number of visitors.

Mr. Mitchener of Hantsport is the efficient manager.

Mrs. John Hardy, who has been attending a Missionary Convention at Economy returned home on Monday night.

Mrs. Hardy is a great helper in the church work here and will be very much missed when she returned to India in the fall.

Miss Ethel Henderson is visiting friends and relatives at Berwick.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fraser spent the holidays with the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. G. Brooks returning to their home in Wolfville on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Shaw and family of Wolfville are now occupying their cottage at the beach here.

NORTH ATON

We are having very unsettled weather but the crops are looking fine. Miss Margaret Schofield has been taking the car-nations in Kentville. We wish her success.

Mr. Mil on Ward has gone to New Glasgow.

Mr. George Sanford and Misses Mina and Eroma English paid a flying trip to Annapolis on Friday in one of the new cars from the Dominion Sales Co., Halifax, N. S.

Mr. Arthur Schofield is still working in Kentville with the D. A. R. Company.

The Messrs. Percy and W. E. Ward have each purchased a new car and the hum of the cars are frequently heard on the road.

Mr. Clyde MacInnis of Coldbrook has been visiting his sister Mrs. Arch. Forsythe.

Miss Bessie Schofield has been spending a few days in Canada.

Mr. James Schofield of Kingston, has been spending a few days with friends and relatives here.

Our ladies are doing fine work knitting for the Red Cross under the instructions of Mrs. Joseph Ward.

Mr. Rupert Ward has purchased a fine new rubber tire buggy.

We are glad to hear that the Sunday school is rapidly progressing under the supervision of Mr. Jackson and we also are having meetings every Sunday afternoon conducted by Mr. James Denison of Kentville.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Schofield are enjoying good health although they are well advanced in age.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel English spent Sunday in Greenwich.

We understand that Miss Edith Ward is coming home to take up her school duties at Welton corner.

Our school has closed for the season much thanks are due to Miss Sawyer who so willingly and carefully instructed the children of the neighborhood.

A copy of Resolution passed by Association of Medical Health Officers of Nova Scotia at annual meeting held at Halifax, July 3, 1917:

In view of the fact that smallpox has been reported from various parts of the Province, including Yarmouth, New Waterford, Sydney, North Sydney, Sydney Mines, Louisburg, River Denys Road, Antigonish, Stellarton, near Bridgewater, the Association of Medical Health Officers of Nova Scotia, in annual meeting assembled, call the attention of the people of the Province to the imminent danger which now exists and ask for general adoption of precautionary measures.

As vaccination has proved to be an almost certain preventive of the disease, the Association strongly urges that every unprotected person be at once vaccinated.

The attention of school boards and boards of health is especially called to the good which would result if vaccination were made a condition to the entrance of children into the public schools.

The last instance of boiling to death took place in Persia in 1890. The offender was guilty of stealing state revenues and was put into a large caldron of cold water, which was slowly heated to the boiling point. His bones were distributed as a warning among the provincial tax collectors.

KAISER DENOUNCED IN NEW YORK CHURCHES

"If the Kaiser is a Christian, then I am an atheist," asserted the Rev. Dr. Corlandt Myers, pastory of Tremont Baptist Temple, Boston, yesterday afternoon at the opening service for this summer of Tent Evangel, at its new location, Amsterdam avenue and 110th street. This is opposite the Cathedral of St. John the Divine.

"If the Kaiser is a Christian, then Nero was a Christian," continued Dr. Myers, "then the red-handed African chief licking the warm blood from his axe blade is a Christian; then the devil himself must be a Christian."

"The murderous Turks have made rivers of Christian blood to run in these last years and all under the approval and protection of the Kaiser and his government."

"These red-capped fiends, demons incarnate, are the allies of Germany and German 'Christianity'."

"Great God! What a cruel mockery and mountain of shame! All this is a part of hell and not Heaven and must forever now be named right. We can no longer fool this thinking world and name this christian and give the Kaiser a church a Bible and a pulpit. This is an outrage on the Gospel of Jesus."

"If it is true that the English Church is responsible for keeping intoxicating liquors in England, thus cursing the people and hindering the victory in the war, then the English Episcopal Church must bear the judgement of God for covering this hypocrisy."

"The sooner every cathedral and church in England which stands for this and worships the demon rum is burned to the ground the better for England and the world."

"The same must be said concerning religion in America. Make it genuine or throw it away forever. The church here is damned also by her compromise with intemperance and money and power and other things. Away with it and give us reality."

That some of the little children who reached England from Belgium had their hands cut off by Germans was one of the statements made in an address of the Rev. Dr. Minifie, chaplain of the City Guards of London, in the new Metropolitan Tabernacle, No. 215 West Fifty-seventh street. He spoke on "The Tragedy of Belgium," being introduced by the Rev. Dr. W. Kemp, the pastor.

The Rev. Dr. Charles A. Eaton, pastor of the Madison avenue Baptist church, at Thirty-first street, said in his morning sermon that it was "all piffle and twaddle" to talk about "a theoretical Christianity" to Americans going to France.

The clergyman asserted in such clear terms the treatment which in his mind should be meted out traitors and pacifists that several uniformed officers of the army who were present applauded.

ITEM FROM HANTS JOURNAL Miss Ella Bigney, who is on the teaching staff of the Halifax Academe, passed through town Saturday evening, on her way to Hantsport, there to spend her vacation with her father, Rev. J. J. Bigney.

Pte. Clifford Smith, son of George Smith, Windsor, who recently returned with the wounded from the front, was in Halifax attending the reception to the returned heroes on Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Gena Smith, principal of Church School for Girls, and Miss Doman, one of the staff at Edgehill, left on Saturday, on an outing trip, part of which will be taken up with a run through the Thousand Isles.

Miss Blackadder, returned missionary from Japan, was in town on Wednesday guest of Mrs. Miner Miss B. spoke at a parlor meeting at the Methodist Parsonage, before the ladies of the congregation, her talk being helpful and inspiring. Refreshments were served.

ANY OTHER MAN SAID ABOUT CONSCRIPTION OTTAWA, June 26—Col. James Arthurs, of Parry Sound, who was at Vimy Ridge continued the debate on the compulsory service bill when the House opened. Col. Arthurs said there were no two opinions at the front concerning conscription. If a vote was taken not a single man would be against it. The only condition the men at the front commanded was that reinforcements be sent forward with the least possible delay. These men did not care what the premier or the leader of the opposition or any other man said about conscription in 1914.

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PRISONERS AND GUNS CAPTURED BY BRITISH

LONDON, July 5, Since the beginning of the war the British have captured 117,776 prisoners, exclusive of natives taken prisoner in the African campaigns, many of whom have been released, said Major General F. B. Maurice, director of military operations at the War Office today. The British have lost to the enemy 51,088 men, including Indian and native troops. These figures take in all theatres of war. The British have captured 739 guns during the war and lost 133. Of the guns lost 37 were recaptured and of the 96 remaining in enemy hands 84 were lost by the British on the West front early in the war. "The British have not lost a single gun on the West front since April 1915," said the General.

The Tower of London is favored as the place destined to become England's greatest war museum because a most surrounds it in which could be displayed the German submarines captured in the war. The Crystal Palace and other less famous places that have been offered as sites for the museum possess no such feature. It is planned to hold a preliminary exhibition during the coming summer.

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DEAD GERMANS COVERED THE GROUND

FRENCH FRONT IN FRANCE, Wednesday, July 4 — After their strongest offensive effort since Verdun the Germans found themselves today thrown back everywhere along an eleven mile front on the Chemin des Dames, leaving the ground thickly strewn with their dead, and having failed to take even one French soldier prisoner. The French lines remained intact and the French commanding general who watched the operations throughout from the front trenches was able to declare tonight that not a single yard of territory had been lost.

Mowed Down Germans

The Germans came forward everywhere in the closest formation and in successive waves, preceded by the famous "Shock" troops, who were mowed down by the French fire. At the first onslaught in the vicinity of Cerny and on the California plateau the French were obliged to give way, but their yielding was only momentary and a counter-attack remedied the slight dent immediately and in addition gave them possession of some German trenches in the vicinity of Cerny, which they held.

The German infantry appeared to have all the dash taken out of them by the French defence and made no attempt to regain the ground lost by the French reaction. Their artillery throughout the day, however, maintained a sweeping fire, but its effects were minimized by the enemy's lack of observation posts.

Crash! Bang! Wallop!

Mrs. Newman rushed out of the dining room and saw Sara Ann sitting among the ruins of her Crowna Derby. For an instant she was speechless with horror and anger. Then she cried: "Sara Ann, what on earth have you done?"

Sarah Ann retrieved her cap from a sea of gravy and grunted: "It's the dinner things, mum! And oh, mum, what a good thing I hadn't washed 'em up!"

Mr. Murray Hill and Sir Patrick O'Hafferty, who is visiting New York were talking about sleep and snoring.

"When I was in Orland I snored so loud that I couldn't sleep" said the visitor.

"How did you break yourself of it?" asked Mr. Murray Hill.

"It's the simplest thing in the world me dear boy. After I retired for the night I got up and slept in the next room where I couldn't hear meself

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