

Months.	Bushels.	Value.
April, 1911 .....	....	....
May .....	....	....
June	2	\$22.00
July	11,014	41,816.00
August	28,957	78,192.00
September	32,254	85,008.00
October	17,983	32,268.00
November	1,006	1,905.00
December	22	22.00
January 1912 .....	....	....
February	1	6.00
March	2	20.00
	<hr/> 97,246	<hr/> \$239,356.00
April, 1912	10	\$10.00
May .....	....	....
June	23	151.00
July	20,073	46,636.00
August	43,802	89,711.00
September	74,452	111,332.00
October	11,799	17,521.00
November	825	1,178.00
December	301	435.00
January, 1913 .....	....	....
February .....	....	....
March	349	606.09
	<hr/> 151,650	<hr/> \$267,580.00
April, 1913	3	\$23.00
May .....	....	....
June	1,430	6,230.00
July	25,519	91,435.00
August	30,017	95,446.00
September	50,407	99,142.00
October	14,403	21,019.00
November	1,729	3,100.00
December	2	7.00
January, 1914 .....	....	....
February	3	24.00
March	8	35.00
	<hr/> 123,531	<hr/> \$316,560.00

Our heaviest shipping months, or when Ontario growers are putting most plums on the market, are August, September and October. At the same time the imports into Canada are heaviest during these months, and this in the face of a duty of thirty cents a bushel.

From the foregoing figures and statements it is possible to draw certain conclusions.

(1) Plums and prunes grown in Canada show a marked decrease in number of trees, value and interest during the last few years.

(2) The imports of fresh plums into Canada show a steady increase during the same period of time.

(3) The imports of dried plums and prunes into Canada show a marked increase during the same period of time.

Therefore (1) either plums are produced under more favorable natural conditions elsewhere and the imported product is of a higher quality than ours.

(2) Or the fruit can be produced cheaper elsewhere than we can produce it.