

FRUIT REPORT FROM SASKATCHEWA

Second Letter on State of the
Market Received from Provincial
Commissioner Me
calfe—State of Trade

The second report received from Mr. J. C. Metcalfe, commissioner for British Columbia to the markets of the prairie provinces, has just been received at the provincial department of agriculture and is published below for the information of fruit growers and the public generally:

Moose Jaw, June 6, 1910.
W. E. Scott, Esq.,
Deputy Minister of Agriculture,
Victoria, B. C.

Dear Sir:—I have the honor to report
as follows:
Moose Jaw, May 31: Idaho cherries
are coming into this point now. M.
Symington, manager of the Rex Fruit
Co., here, informed me they cost, laid
down this point.

Per case of 10 lbs.	\$1.80
California cherries, per case 10 lbs.	\$2.10
Selling retailers—	
Idaho cherries, 10 lb. case	\$3.50
Idaho cherries, 10 lb. case	\$2.60

Further stated Wenatchie peaches are being quoted them f.o.b. there, per case 45c, and reports from that point heavy crop of all varieties of fruit, and the same from California.

Regina, June 1: Mr. Anderson, manager for the Vernon Fruit Co., here stated their company was putting four men in the provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan, located at each of the following places: Calgary, Edmonton, Regina and Saskatoon, and will be in a much better position than formerly to look after the company's output of fruit. Hood river strawberries are coming in here now, and selling to retailer

at \$4.50 per case. These berries are brought through by express in carload lots to Winnipeg, and distributed from there. The express rate from Hood river to Winnipeg, \$1.89 per 100 lbs., minimum 20,000 lbs. Seattle express rate in carloads to Winnipeg, \$2 per 100 lbs., minimum 15,000 lbs. No British Columbia strawberries have arrived at this point to date, June 1.

Mr. Smith, manager Macpherson Fruit Co., here, stated from present reports received, all indicate a heavy crop of the different varieties of fruit from California, Idaho, Washington, Oregon and Ontario, and looked for prices to run low for all kinds of fruit, and especially for peaches.

Winnipeg, June 4: McNaughton Fruit Exchange here, auctioneers and fruit brokers, reported having received this season four carloads of rhubarb from growers at Mission and Hatzic, B. C., on commission.

Second car of 540 cases arrived May 9
Third car of 735 cases arrived May 16
Fourth car of 650 cases arrived May 22
Stated it would net growers and ship-
pers an average price of 74 cents per
case, on the four carloads. Freight
rate from Mission, 53 cents per 100 lbs

Freight rate from Mission Junction, 61 cents per 100 lbs. Apparently there seems to be a great discrimination in this rate, they being situated about one mile apart. Cars averaged about six days in transit. A few crates of strawberries arrived here the 4th from the Lower Mainland, B. C., arriving in fair

condition, but poorly graded and packed, somewhat green, and baskets not full.

The following is a report of fruit received and sold by auction by the McNaughton Fruit Exchange, Winnipeg, for the year 1909:

Ontario Shipments, via Freight

154,978 baskets of grapes
8,919 baskets of pears
1,485 cases of pears
524 baskets quinces
5,095 baskets apples
591 cases apples
99 baskets egg plant
221 cases cabbage

27 baskets nuts
51 baskets cherries
5 baskets onions
15,227 baskets peaches
3,641 cases peaches
16,378 baskets plums
27,208 baskets tomatoes
435 baskets peppers

433 baskets peppers
1,133 cases strawberries
300 cases cukes
979 dozen corn
32 baskets muskmelon
5 baskets gooseberries
showing a total number of 237,333
pieces. Of the above total 199,483 pieces

came from the St. Catharines Storage
company, St. Catharines.

British Columbia Shipments via Express

633 cases	strawberries
1,266 cases	plums
851 cases	raspberries
91 cases	pears
22 cases	peaches

23 cases apples
246 cases cherries
5 cases rhubarb
77 cases gooseberries
42 cases red currants
10 cases cukes

3,255 cases

This report does not include apples in barrels received from Ontario.

R. Thompson, manager, St. Catharines Cold Storage Co. has been here at Winnipeg and completed arrangements with the McNaughton Fruit Exchange to sell their fruit for this season. The following is a copy of a report, or circular, re-

received from the St. Catherines Cold Storage Co., St. Catherines, Ont., by the McNaughton Fruit Exchange, Winnipeg. "The danger from frost is now over in the Niagara peninsula, and prospects are for a fair crop. Strawberries are coming along fine and promise a full crop. Raspberries full over, some cherries

sweet cherries, run crop, sour cherries, in medium crop. European varieties in bloom look well and will be better than last season. Pears have set well. Peaches promise a full crop. Grapes will be a medium crop of very fine quality. All fruit will be a little earlier than last season.

The company shipped over 60 cars to Winnipeg in 1909, and will likely send a larger number this season. They are repairing to pack their pears, peaches and tomatoes in the Western packages and use the same methods. The Winnipeg people can look forward to getting a good sample of Ontario fruit from this

This company ships all fruit by freight cars loaded by Grand Trunk and across the lake, via Milwaukee, St. Paul to Winnipeg, avoiding Chicago with its congested yards and delay there. Cars 4½ days in transit. They pre-cool all fruit and ship in iced cars.

The following is an extract in part of letter dated May 4 from a North Yakima grower and shipper, giving estimates in carloads of different varieties of fruit at that point this season, and received