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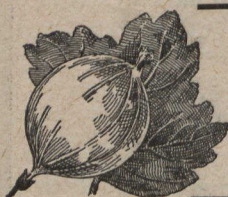
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FRUIT CROP SITUATION

The apple crop of Ontario is disappointing. The ravages of codling moth and fungous diseases have done much to diminish the yield and to lessen the percentage of high grade fruit. Prices have not been as favorable as expected but are stiffening. It is feared that the exceptional weather conditions that have prevailed have interfered with the keeping qualities of the fruit. Export apples have been going forward in moderate quantities. Some of the shipments from Montreal have not been altogether satisfactory in quality. Considerable fungi apparent. Spots showing only slightly when put in the barrels increased rapidly and, in some cases, pink rot had set in. The apples were deeply pitted, making them unsightly and very wasteful. Growers should be careful in grading if highest returns are expected. Among the many reports received from crop correspondents of THE CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST, the following indicate the situation in general and give an idea of the prices being paid:

HASTINGS COUNTY

Belleville.—Apples are scarcely a quarter of a crop. Prices in orchard range from 75 cents to \$1 for firsts and seconds.—F. S. W.

DURHAM COUNTY

Orono.—Apples are only one-third of a crop but will run 80 per cent. No. 1. Prices have been 75 cents for fall and \$1 for winter varieties, on the trees, for apples bought outside of co-operative association.—E. J. H.

ONTARIO COUNTY

Oshawa.—Prices have moved upward. Buyers paid \$1.25, on the tree for a few lots. The average price was \$1.—E. L.

HALTON COUNTY

Oakville.—Apples picked in orchard sell for \$1.25. The crop is short.—W. H. M.

WENTWORTH COUNTY

Fruitland.—There will be a lot of cull apples owing to the codling moth. I never saw them so bad. Growers who did not spray thoroughly and often, lost over half their crop.—G. H. C.

LINCOLN COUNTY

St. Catharines.—Apple prices are stiffening. No. 1's are bringing \$2.50 and No. 2's, \$2.—R. T.

BRANT COUNTY

New Durham.—The crop is 25 per cent. of last year. One dollar a barrel has been paid on all sides.—B. J. P.

OXFORD COUNTY

Ingersoll.—Buyers are paying \$1, picked in orchard, and want only the best colored fruit. Apples are disappointing, both in quality and quantity.—J. C. H.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY

Ivan.—Apples are only one-fourth of a crop. Have sold 800 barrels for \$2 f.o.b. Outside buyers are paying 80 cents to \$1 for No. 2's and No. 1's, picked.—T. T. C.

NORFOLK COUNTY

Simcoe.—Apple crop is short of early expectations.—J. E. J.

ELGIN COUNTY

Sparta.—Fall apples consigned to Liverpool netted me over \$1 a box, f.o.b. here.—J. A. W.

LAMBERTON COUNTY

Forest.—Sold our crop for \$2.50 for No. 1's and \$2 for No. 2's, f.o.b. here.—D. J.

KENT COUNTY

Chatham.—The quality is not good. Prices are ranging about \$2.75 for No. 1's and \$2.25 for No. 2's, f.o.b. here.—W. D. A. R.

BRUCE COUNTY

Walkerton.—The crop is light. Prices have ruled mostly at \$1 in orchard, except for Spys, which have brought 50 cents higher.—A. E. S.

GREY COUNTY

Owen Sound.—For fall fruit, we realized \$1.60 to \$2, f.o.b. here. Will handle about 7,000 barrels of winter apples at prices ranging from \$1.85 to \$2.75, f.o.b.—A. B.

New Brunswick

A. E. McGinley

"The apple crop in New Brunswick is very short and it is doubtful if half a carload for export or sale could be found in the whole province," said a member of the firm of A. L. Goodwin & Co., fruit buyers and exporters, of St. John, when asked as to market conditions. The few apples that have been grown by the farmers have been so quickly disposed of that none remain for the fruit buyers. The Goodwin firm have purchased a few barrels of Wealthys, packed, at \$1.65 and \$1.75 a barrel, but generally there are very few New Brunswick apples on the market.

Canadian apples, largely from Ontario are now being shipped in large quantities. The steamer St. John City which sailed for Liverpool on October 9th took a very large cargo. In former years the individual shipments to Liverpool seldom exceeded 6,000 barrels but the St. John City's cargo was almost double that quantity. A shipment of apples to Glasgow was made by the Laurentian of the Allan line and the Elder-Dempster steamer Canada Cafe has also loaded a cargo for South Africa. All the shipments have been of particularly good quality.

A freak in the way of an apple is reported from Hantsport, N. S., which was grown on a Bishop Pippin (Yellow Bellflower) tree on the farm of Harris Lockhart. One of the