

mental trees is doing well, and has induced many other persons to plant. Fruit can be grown in the MacLeod district, but the bushes and trees require some shelter from the winds. I would like to learn the experience of others in growing fruits through the columns of THE CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST.

Manitoba

D. W. Buchanan

This is rather an off year for some fruits. Plums did not set well owing to cold rain, and plum pocket has been bad, reducing the crop to 20 per cent. of last year. The apple crop will be 25 per cent. of last year. Strawberries are fair. Currants set a large crop, but the currant fruit worm has been very destructive, reducing the crop one-half in many cases.

Raspberries look promising and, with favorable weather, will give a good crop. Vegetables are yielding a fine crop on well-drained land, but there has been too much rain for low ground.

Winnipeg

George Batho

The prospects for the fruit crop in Manitoba are not above the average. Mr. Stevenson, the pioneer apple grower at Morden, reports only a small crop, this being a year of only light bloom. Plums have suffered a good deal from plum-pocket, and small fruits are, for the most part, bearing only moderately.

The beautiful weather of the early spring, followed by the heavy rains of June, which

prevailed throughout the entire stretch of the prairie provinces, have combined to make this a most favorable year for the planting and growth of forest and shade trees. This means a good deal to this country, as there are now being so many new windbreaks and plantations set out by farmers in our open prairie districts.

Arrangements are being carried forward for a Provincial Horticultural Exhibition, to be held in Winnipeg, under the joint auspices of the Western Horticultural Society and the Winnipeg Florists' Association. The dates have not been definitely set at time of writing, but it is quite likely that the show will occur during the first week of September. A committee of management has been appointed with F. W. Brodrick, professor in horticulture at the Manitoba Agricultural College, Winnipeg, at its head as secretary-treasurer and manager of the exhibition. This will be the first provincial horticultural exhibition in about six years, although as long ago as that a series of two or three good annual shows were held by the Western Horticultural Society. The trouble was that at the last show the financial basis was bad, and the weather proving unfavorable, a heavy deficit was experienced. A better financial arrangement now exists, and the chances are good for a first class show. For years the local horticultural society at Brandon has held a most creditable exhibition in that city.

The second annual convention of the Western Canada Irrigation Association will be held in Vernon, B. C. during the week beginning Monday, Aug. 10. For further information and program, write to the secretary, W. R. Megaw, Vernon.

Montreal

E. H. Wartman, Dominion Fruit Inspector

Fruit is selling well in Montreal. On June 27th, the first lot of ripe apples came to hand from Tennessee, red and green in color and of good size. The red variety in tenderness, like our astrachans, showed signs of decay; the green, more like our short stems, were in good order.

On July 6th, our Montreal auction room presented a very pretty scene; 15 cars of various kinds of fruits were on exhibition on the ground floor—bananas, melons, peaches, plums, apricots, lemons, oranges, pines and tomatoes—about 200 crates opened up so as to show ripeness, color and size. At 9:15 a. m., about 150 buyers assembled in the auction room to bid on six cars of California fruits, packed by Earl Fruit Co., Producer's Fruit Co., and Stewart Fruit Co. One characteristic of the sale was the strict attention of buyers and rapid bidding, auctioneer J. J. Callaghan quoting bids in French and English and passing from one kind to another in rapid succession. The whole six cars or over 6000 packages were knocked off in one hour and thirty minutes and invoices made out, aggregating \$8000. Mr. J. J. Callaghan as a fruit auctioneer is not excelled in America. The fifteen cars would aggregate about \$12000.

The district between Montreal and Ste. Anne-de-Bellevue, the extreme west end of Island, a distance of 20 miles bids fair for an average crop of fall and early winter apples, and common red sour cherries have been a good crop and retailed at 35 cents a gallon. The large setting of fruit trees on Macdonald Farm are doing well; the older ones are apparently full of fruit.

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