

FRUIT CROP SITUATION

More than a medium crop of apples is not expected in Canada. Outside of a few isolated districts, the crops is much below even the expectations of last month. The fruit generally will be small. Among the many reports received by THE CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST, the following are typical ones:

QUEEN'S CO., P. E. I.

Charlottetown.—Fall and winter varieties of apples, medium crop, fruit clean; plums, medium.—A.E.D.

YARMOUTH CO., N.S.

Yarmouth.—Late rains made improvements in winter fruits, especially Baldwins and Gravensteins. Prices \$1.50 to \$2.75. Early apples not one quarter crop. All fruit will not be one half crop in this county. I have sold six barrels Red Astrachan and Yellow Transparent for \$12.25, hardly a No. 1 in the lot.—J. B.

DIGBY CO., N.S.

Bear River.—Indications point to crop of average quantity and of good quality, largely free from spot.—W. G. C.

KINGS CO., N.S.

Wolfville.—Extremely dry weather since June has reduced the apple crop fit for export to 300,000 to 400,000 barrels. Apples are comparatively free from worms or spots but run very small in size and will pack largely No. 2. Speculators are paying \$2 a barrel for run, picked and barreled at growers' expense.—G. B.

Kentville.—Opinions differ widely re crop yet most persons are cutting it down 30 to 40 per cent. less than last year. Gravenstein good quality, offers at present \$2.00 for No. 1, packed, and \$1.50 for No. 2. No further prices offered for winter stock.—R.S.E.

WESTMORELAND CO., N.B.

Shediac.—Not much change in apple crop conditions since last month. All early varieties light; winter varieties, fair to medium. Codling moth has done much damage, but otherwise the fruit is clean.—H.B.S.

YORK CO., N.B.

Scotch Lake.—Apple crop rather light; fruit well colored. The market is at Fredericton where prices have averaged higher than usual. Red Astrachans at present bring \$4.00 a barrel; New Brunswick, \$1.00 to \$2.00. Plums, very scarce.—W.H.M.

CHARLOTTE CO., N.B.

St. Stephen.—Apple crop not sufficient for local market. All kinds undersized. Fall fruit brings about \$1 a barrel, No. 1 and No. 2 mixed.—C.N.V.

CARLETON CO., N.B.

Woodstock.—Apple crop a failure. Price from \$1.00 to \$1.50 for New Brunswick apples; Wealthy, \$1.50 to \$2.—H.G.N.

JACQUES CARTIER CO., QUE.

Notre Dame de Grace.—Apples are later in ripening this season. St. Lawrence is selling for \$3.25 for No. 1. Wealthys are more plentiful and selling for \$2.75 for No. 1. It is too soon for Fameuse and McIntosh.—R.B.

HALTON CO., ONT.

Oakville.—Apples are a fair sample and clean, about two-thirds of a crop. Buyers are buying by the orchard and picking them. By the barrel, apples range in price from \$1.25 to \$1.55.—W.H.M.

Georgetown.—Fall apples are a light crop. Winter kinds are below an average with exception of Spys which will run about 50 per cent. of total pack. Buyers are paying \$1

on the tree and \$1.25 on the ground for No. 1 and No. 2 winters. Apples are free from spot but are rather wormy and in some localities show considerable damage from hail.—F.J.B.

WENTWORTH CO., ONT.

Winona.—The fruit is a good crop, not heavy, except Lombard plums. Prices were low in Lombards, but other kinds were firm. Peaches brought a good price. Grapes are late and not as large as previous years; prices good so far. Weather has been ideal for handling fruit which has carried fine.—H.S.

BRANT CO., ONT.

Burford.—A few good orchards are loaded, many are thin. Unsprayed fruit will cull very much on account of size and quality, grading mostly No. 2. Well sprayed fruit is good and will grade largely No. 1. It is maturing about two weeks later than usual. The prevailing price for unsprayed is \$1.25 picked. Sprayed are held for \$3.—F.D.B.

NORFOLK CO., ONT.

Simcoe.—Apple crop is about the same as last year. Outside buyers are paying from 75 cents to \$1.25 on tree. Our association have sold realizing from \$1.50 to \$2.25 on tree.—W.F.O.

GREY CO., ONT.

Owen Sound.—There is an average crop of winter apples in this section. The fruit is good and clean but rather small. Buyers have paid \$1.00 a barrel on the tree, a great many being sold by the orchard. We expect to handle through the Owen Sound Fruit Company 10,000 barrels and have sold the most of our pack at prices ranging from \$2.25 to \$2.75 a barrel, f.o.b.—A.B.

NANAIMO CO., B.C.

Duncan.—Fruit crop is light. Good quality demands good price, apples selling at \$1.50 a box. Shortage is due to late frosts in spring which killed a great many trees.—W.D.

South Salt Spring.—Early apples, No. 1, are selling for \$1.50 a box; No. 2, \$1.25; early Italian prunes, \$2.00 a crate; late prunes, \$1.00; cherries, 10 to 12 cents a lb.; Bartletts, \$1.75 a box. Late apples, short crop; late pears, fair to medium; prunes, full crop; quinces, very short; other fruits, average light.—W.J.L.H.

Fruit growers and shippers who desire to get in touch with a reliable firm in London, England, should read the ad. of T. J. Poupart that appears on another page of this issue. This is one of the principal firms in Covent Garden Market that handles barrel apples by private treaty.

Manufacturers of orchard and garden implements and tools, should be represented at the Ontario Horticultural Exhibition in November with exhibits of the latest improvements in these things. THE CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST is offering a half page ad. in one issue of this publication for the most practical improvement in implements for

orchard use, and a similar prize for the most practical improvement in implements or tools for garden use.

It is expected that the 'National Apple Show to be held at Spokane, Wash., Nov. 15-20, will far surpass the one of last year. Substantial additions have been made to the prize list, which will total \$25,000. Canadian growers who were thinking of entering exhibits should communicate with Mr. Ren H. Rice, the secretary.

A copy of bulletin No. 144 on "Celery," issued by the South Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station has been received. Among the sub-topics discussed are soil, fertilizers, preparation of soil, starting the plants, transplanting, cultivation, blanching, shipping and so forth.

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