

# Vegetable Crops Below Average in Yield

THE vegetable crops of Ont. have suffered from drought. While occasional showers fell during the month in some localities, they did not improve the situation to any marked extent. Reports from the crop correspondents of the Ont. Veg. Grs. Assn. indicate that the condition of the crops on the whole is much below the standard. Most vegetables have not reached their normal size; maturity has been hastened. Tomatoes ripened too rapidly; they are about done; the crop has been only fair.

The behaviour of celery has varied in the different districts; some report a good crop; others, a failure; on the whole, the late crop will be under average in yield but of fair quality. Drought and aphids have injured cauliflower and cabbage; the crop is poor. Late melons are excellent in yield and quality. Sweet corn is under average. Squash and pumpkins have turned out well; cucumbers poor. Fall spinach is scarce.

Onions, as predicted last month, have turned out only half a crop, of good quality but slightly under size. Beets, parsnips, carrots and turnips are below the estimate; they are yielding less than normal. Potatoes are reported to be less than half a crop, slightly above in a few localities and a failure in others. The detailed reports are as follows:

## MONTREAL DISTRICT

Lachine.—Owing to very dry season crops are poor. Onions, very small and only half a crop. Tomatoes, fairly good quality, but small in size. Celery, clean, but of small size. Sweet corn, only half a crop. Potatoes, less than half a crop; no disease. Early cauliflowers very good; late ones only medium. Beets and carrots are very good and very clean; parsnips, poor crop and

small. Lettuce, except in frames, is poor. Late cabbage, heading fairly well but small. Squash and vegetable marrows are very good; cucumbers, fair. Leeks are small and of poor quality. Prices of vegetables are higher than was ever known in Montreal markets.—Charles A. Smith.

## OTTAWA DISTRICT

Crops have suffered greatly from drought. Melons not a heavy crop but good quality. Early celery is good; winter crop small size but any amount of it. Carrots, fair; parsnips, good. Onions, heavier crop than expected. Pumpkins, citrons, etc., are coming in heavy and lots of them. Tomatoes, good crop. Swede turnips are scarce at present; potatoes are good. Red peppers are a glut; pickling cucumbers, small. Cauliflower, a heavy crop but a little dark. Cabbages are short at present; winter cabbage will be a fair crop but rather soft.—T. R. Mockett.

## FRONTENAC COUNTY

Kingston.—We are suffering from protracted drought. Late roots, where not complete failures, are very small. Late cabbage, many not heading; turnips, many seen without bulbs. In low situations, celery is better than expected; where water was used plants look healthy. Tomatoes were a good crop.—Chas. F. Adair, Cataraqui.

## LENNOX AND ADDINGTON

Napanee.—Potatoes are not rotting as bad as was expected. Onions are a short crop and are selling (good samples) at \$1 a bush. Tomatoes are about done and have been rather a heavy crop; cabbage, a short crop and poor sample. Cauliflowers, fairly good, likewise, most other vegetables.—E. M. Sherman.

## TORONTO DISTRICT

Humber Bay.—Weather continues dry. Cabbage and cauliflower are making poor growth; unless rain comes soon many patches will be destroyed. The celery crop is doing well, much better than last year. Late potatoes are almost a failure. Tomatoes have been a fair crop. The onion crop has ripened early; it is of a good quality but rather undersized. Squash, citrons, marrows and melons are abundant crops. Prices on Sept. 22 are as follows: carrots, 40c. bush.; parsnips, 50c. a bush.; onions, in large quantity, 1c. a lb.; cabbage are still low, about \$2 a 100; marrows, 20c. to 40c. a doz.; squash, Hubbard, 75c. to \$1 a doz.; lettuce, 15c. to 20c. a doz.; radishes, 15c. a doz.; rhubarb is in good demand, 20c. a doz.; cauliflower, 50c. to \$1.50 a doz.—J. W. Rush.

Doncaster.—All crops are not doing well on account of dry, hot weather. Cauliflowers have been very poor, but doing better now. Cabbage, parsnips and carrots are very good. Tomatoes have done far better than was expected. Onions are not good, only about half a crop.—C. Gibbard.

Bracondale.—Root crops are rather below the average; onions also. Dry, hot weather and blight has almost ruined the celery. Cauliflowers are poor and suffering greatly from want of rain. Winter cabbages are fairly good, but little planted. Very little late spinach has shown itself.—A. W. Shuter.

## PEEL COUNTY

Clarkson.—The potato crop is a good one. Onions are good on the heavier land, though small on the light soil. Root crops are looking

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