

Fruit Crop Prospects

THE present condition of our apple orchards indicates that the crop of winter fruit will be much less than that of last year; in some districts, less than half. The quality and size promise to be good. Early apples are giving a good crop. In some localities buyers have been on the ground for some time offering 50 cents to \$1 a barrel on the trees. Most orchards have been sold but some growers expect better prices. The bulk of the winter crop, except that held by the co-operative associations, has passed into the hands of the dealers. As "lump" buying has been practised so extensively, it is impossible to say anything definite about prices. The crop correspondents of THE CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST report as follows:

YORK COUNTY, N. B.

Murches.—Weather conditions are more favorable this year than last. Early apples, such as Transparent and Duchess, promise a good crop; winter varieties, only medium. High bush cranberries are a light crop.—J. F.

KINGS COUNTY, N. S.

Kentville.—There is a general feeling that there will be more apples than was thought three weeks ago. The size is pretty good and the stock generally is clean. There will probably be as many to ship as last year. Plums are very light, the Japanese varieties being almost a failure.—R. S. E.

QUEENS COUNTY, P.E.I.

Long River.—Prospects are very poor. Some apples are medium; fall apples light; winter, very light. Some late var-

ieties will have to be imported to fill home market. Plums are very light; some orchards have none at all. The trees are injured, especially Moore's Arctic.—J. J.

STANSTEAD COUNTY, QUE.

Beebe Plain.—Early apples are an average crop. Fruit is undersized on account of dry weather. Winter varieties are a light crop. Wealthys are heavy.—D. L. H.

NORFOLK COUNTY, ONT.

Simcoe.—Fall apples and Greenings are a good crop. Winter varieties will be less than last year. The quality is good in well cared for orchards.—J. E. J.

GREY COUNTY, ONT.

Clarksburg.—Plums are a failure; pears, full; apples, though not as heavy as last year, are superior in quality and, on the whole will barrel better.—J. V.

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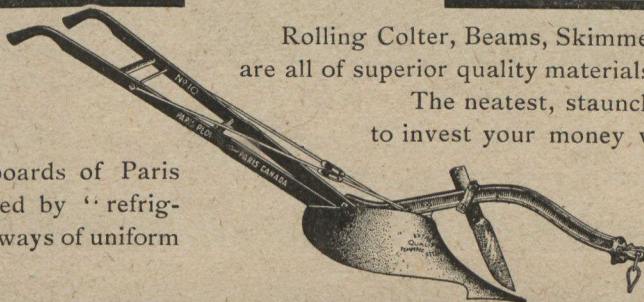
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