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FRUIT CROP REPORT NO. 2.

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Weather Conditions

There has been an exceptionally heavy rainfall in Ontario and Eastern Canada during the past few weeks. In many sections the ground has been so wet that the harvesting of small fruits was impossible for several days. The heavy rains have also caused such fruits as cherries and plums to drop, and the crop of these has fallen off quite seriously on that account. Such conditions have also induced a rapid development of apple scab and the difficulty of spraying has allowed the disease to make serious headway.

During the blossom period in British Columbia there were also heavy rains which interfered with pollination. Recently, however, weather conditions have been very favorable.

Apples

There have been some changes in the apple situation since last month. In Nova Scotia the ravages of the canker worm and the development of scab have been serious, and have reduced the crop of No. 1 apples to some extent. Scab is also very serious in Quebec. British Columbia prospects have fallen down on account of an exceptionally heavy June drop. Indications now point to an increase of 30 per cent over last year's crop in Nova Scotia and about 10 per cent in British Columbia; Quebec will have only 40 per cent of last year's crop, and Western Ontario about the same; the crop in Eastern Ontario will be slightly less than last year. Clean fruit is confined to orchards that have been well cared for and properly sprayed.

District 1—The crop is light in Lambton, Norfolk, Essex and the Niagara district. This applies particularly to Baldwins, Spies and other late fall and winter apples.

District 2—In Western Ontario the crop is practically a failure, not more than 50 per cent of last year. The only varieties that have any showing are Wealthy Duchess, etc. Later varieties are very short.

District 3—The crop in the Lake Ontario district is very scattered. The fruit did not set well particularly on winter varieties.

District 4—In the Georgian Bay district Spies, Baldwins and Greenings are very light, not more than 25 per cent of a normal crop. There has been reduced at least 30,000 barrels from this cause alone. The weather is now fine and warm and the fruit is growing well.

District 7—Outside of the Annapolis Valley, the crop in Nova Scotia has set well and there is promise of a good yield, except Spies and Baldwins.

District 8—In Prince Edward Island early varieties promise a full crop. Fall varieties will also bear well if there is no heavy drop. Baldwins and Ben Davis have set well. Spies are light. With favorable conditions, the island will produce the largest crop for some years.

District 9—Reports from the Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island give promise of a large crop except McIntosh which have dropped heavily.

District 10—The estimated crop in Kootenay Lake district is now 5 per cent of 1916. The heavy June drop, particularly on late varieties, is accountable for the decrease of the last month. At present the fruit is apparently free from scab. There will be a fair crop in the Okanagan Valley, which in some parts will run 25 per cent heavier than last year.

United States Prospects.

Northwest States—The set of apples has not been nearly as heavy as last year in most districts. The growth of fruit has, however, been more promising and the general crop is likely to be a better size than in 1916, so that the crop is very light, not more than 25 per cent of a normal crop.

In Quebec early varieties appear to be light with fall and winter apples about medium. Scab has developed very seriously in unsprayed orchards.

In St. Lawrence and Ottawa Valley districts the crop of Fameuse and McIntosh is about 50 per cent of normal, but slightly less than last year. Scab has developed quite seriously during recent rains. Spraying has been general.

District 5—Latest reports from the St. John Valley place the probable crop at about 60 per cent of normal

and somewhat later than usual. Scab is developing rapidly. Elsewhere in prospects are very favorable.

District 6—The apple crop in the Annapolis Valley is now estimated at about 800,000 barrels. The fruit has set well and is clean in well sprayed orchards, but in neglected orchards much of the crop has fallen off and what remains is scabby. Canker worm has been particularly serious through the valley and it is estimated that the apple crop ultimate crop should aggregate very nearly to last year's total. The quality promises to be good. Pears are somewhat short in all districts except the Rogue River district, where a good crop is expected. Peaches are bearing well, but the acreage has been reduced that the total crop will not be large.

New York—In the commercial apple section the crop promises to be light, perhaps not more than 25 per cent of normal and of poor quality. Bartlett pears will be almost 50 per cent of a standard crop and other varieties are fairly good. Plums are a good crop except Burbanks which are very light. Sour cherries are 50 per cent of a crop and sweet cherries practically a failure. Peaches promise to be a very good crop, about 85 per cent of normal. The secretary of the New York Fruit Growers' Association has predicted a total peach crop of 9,000 cars for the state.

Prospects in Great Britain
The spring has been particularly late but there have been no late frosts. All fruit trees blossomed heavily and have set well. The Midland counties report a full crop of all soft fruits as well as apples. Complaints are general of a serious attack of caterpillars. In Kent and the southern counties which produce a large proportion of the English fruit crop, apples are reported to have suffered from caterpillar attacks. The total crop is estimated at only 25 per cent of an average yield. British fruit dealers are perturbed at reports that the Government proposes to purchase the bulk of the English fruit crop direct from the growers. No definite information has been received on this point.

Cherries
In the Niagara Peninsula sour cherries are about 50 per cent of a normal crop and in the Burlington district about 75 per cent. Sweet cherries are only about 15 per cent of a normal crop.

General Notes
There has been a very serious outbreak of apple scab in all sections of Eastern Canada, particularly in orchards which have not received thorough attention. Weather conditions have been ideal for fungous development and there is certain to be quite a large percentage of No. 3 fruit. In the province of Ontario the scab development has not been so serious in the western districts as in the Lake Ontario district. Scab is also bad in the province of Quebec.

Canker worms have seriously infested the Annapolis Valley and there have also been slight outbreaks in New Brunswick. It is safe to say that the Nova Scotia crop has been reduced 30,000 barrels on account of the ravages of this pest.

Much uncertainty exists as to what the price of apples will be. While we have a fairly good knowledge of crop and market conditions, yet we do not feel like making any definite statement in this connection at the present time. The fact that the embargo still exists upon apples entering Great Britain has a depressing effect upon the trade, but it appears to us that even though the embargo remains there should be a fair market for all apples that will be harvested in Canada. Taking the Dominion as a whole, the crop will be exceedingly light and may depreciate still further before harvesting time. If the embargo is raised, prices will no doubt rise as high as last year, and we feel that the fruit grower who has produced a crop under high cost conditions is the man who should receive the greatest proportion of such prices. Efforts are being made by the fruit interests and the various governments concerned in the marketing of fruit, to have the embargo raised, and the fruit growers may rest assured that everything consistent with the welfare of the Empire will be done to obtain this end. We would, however, urge those interested in the marketing of the crop should lose no time in arranging for the widest possible distribution of the crop in Canada in order that none of the crop be lost in the event of the embargo remaining. The present outlook as will be noted from this fruit crop report is such that growers should not be stampeded into accepting unreasonably low prices.

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POTATOES IN CANADA

(From the Report Department of Agriculture.)

British Columbia—The average is estimated at about 5 per cent increase over an average crop. The plants are looking especially healthy and give promise of the heavy yield.

Alberta—An average crop is looked for in this Province.

Saskatchewan—There is a substantial increase in the plantings. It is too early to estimate the yield.

Manitoba—Indication now for a full average crop.

Ontario—In no case has a decrease in the acreage been reported from any commercial district. It is estimated that the acreage is considerably more than last year and from 5 per cent to 10 per cent above the average. Present indications are for a yield per acre

considerably above the average.

Quebec—An increase in acreage is reported with prospects for a yield above the average. Some early plantings on low land were destroyed by rain and continued cool weather, but these have been replanted with late varieties.

New Brunswick—There has been 20 per cent increase for the acreage planted, with prospects of a normal yield per acre.

Nova Scotia—Some districts report increased planting of from 25 to 35 per cent. The Province on the whole is expected to show a substantial increase both in acreage and yield.

Prince Edward Island—This province also reports increased acreage of from 10 to 15 per cent, and, in addition to this, spraying is much more general. With favorable weather conditions a large crop should be harvested.

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And Beauty riseth up, and she departs Eternally—eternally forgot; But you fair stripling, dead besides his trust,

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—From "War Poems" by "X"

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