

Fruit Conditions in Ontario are Favorable

SPECIAL reports received by THE CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST from correspondents in different parts of Ont. indicate that fruit trees and bushes have come through the winter in excellent condition. Similar reports have been received from the Maritime Provinces. The reports from Ont. are as follows:

EASTERN ONTARIO

Harold Jones, Maitland—"The winter has been favorable to all tree and bush fruits. Apples are coming out in a bright, healthy condition, with fruit buds well developed, giving promise of a full bloom. Plums and cherries promise well, but may suffer by sudden change to a low temperature. Strawberries are looking well, but the acreage is below normal."

W. T. Macoun, C.E.F., Ottawa—"Apple trees apparently have come through the winter well, and promise a medium to good crop, judging by fruit buds. Pears, plums and cherries are not grown to any extent. Currants, raspberries and gooseberries came through the winter well, but strawberries were badly injured, and will be a light crop. Grape vines are still covered."

"There is no special boom in planting, and no large plantations are being made. The McIntosh and Wealthy apples are the popular varieties."

Elmer Lick, Oshawa—"Indications point to a good crop of fruit of all kinds in Ontario county. No winter-killing. Plenty of fruit buds on apple trees. There has been a very large increase in oyster shell back louse in many orchards. There do not seem to be very many new plantations of any varieties of fruit."

NIAGARA DISTRICT

A. W. Peart, Burlington—"Indications are that fruit plantations generally have come through the winter in good condition. With the possible exception of a few of the more tender varieties of peaches and Japan plums, fruit buds appear to be sound and normal. On low, undrained ground strawberries have been damaged by heaving. The prospects are for at least an average crop of fruits."

"Some planting will be done chiefly along the lines of strawberries, pears and cherries. Increased attention is being given to spraying and the better care of orchards."

Linus Woolverton, Grimsby—"The fruit buds give a fair promise of an average crop. Peaches were a heavy crop last year, but nevertheless give a fair promise for this season. Apples will be a full crop. Pears and plums will be above the average. Raspberries show well, but the acreage has been lessened on account of low prices. People here are annually planting a large additional acreage of grapes, peaches, pears and small fruits. Plums are not being planted because of low prices. Very few Japan plums are planted, because of their inferior quality."

ESSEX COUNTY

The outlook is for a full crop of cherries, plums, pears, apples, and every peach tree of bearing age is full of fruit buds, and if weather conditions are favorable, there will be an abundant supply. The fruit growers are very busy spraying for fungous diseases, San Jose Scale, etc., using the lime sulphur wash.—E. E. Adams, Leamington.

Vegetable Conditions Throughout Ontario

REPORTS received from the correspondents of the Ontario Vegetable Growers' Association, located in different parts of Ontario, show that there has been a marked increase lately in the amount of vegetables grown under glass, and that the acreage in several lines of vegetables this year will be considerably increased. The association is anxious to secure more correspondents in the principal vegetable producing sections and is willing to pay for short monthly reports. The help of growers in making these reports valuable is asked. The following reports were written between April 20 and 24:

OTTAWA

"Cabbage and other winter stock are a drug on the market. Radish and lettuce sell for 40c. for first quality, and seconds about 25c. per doz., and market pretty well supplied. Strawberries badly winter-killed. Weather cold again and no planting or sowing done yet."—F. Williams.

"No outside work has been done. March was a very bad month for hotbeds. Everything is backward, but favorable weather will soon change that. The general plans seem to be for the usual crop, but much also depends on the planting season. The market is overdone with lettuce, as supplies are being shipped in and the local hotbed crop, also, is ready. Quantities of local green onions are on hand; also radish and rhubarb, the supply exceeding the demand. There has been very little change in the amount of vegetables grown under glass during the winter, but the quantity of glass used for the spring crop has more than doubled."—T. Mockett.

NAPANEE

"From data obtained from the canning factory the vegetable crops in this section will be about as follows: Tomatoes, 200 acres; sweet corn, 160 acres; peas, 60 acres; beans, 47 acres."—E. M. Sherman.

TORONTO

"It is too soon to report the prospects, as we have scarcely started to plant, and we cannot even guess at what we are going to have. With regard to the greenhouse work, I may say there has been a marked increase in greenhouse work. Within about half a mile of me, about 10,000 feet of new glass has been erected this year and a great deal more farther afield. Lettuce, I believe, is the principal crop grown in the new houses, but the demand seems to increase with the increased production, as there has been a ready sale right through the season."—C. Gibbard, Doncaster.

NIAGARA FALLS SOUTH

"Asparagus, green onions and rhubarb about a week or 10 days ahead of last year; first outdoor grown sold this week. Planting of early potatoes and peas general. Sowing of onions, carrots, beets, and other seeds in full swing. The ground is dry and works up nicely. Lettuce and cabbage are being transplanted outside extensively. All tender vegetables under glass owing to the open winter about 10 days ahead of last year. Tomatoes and onions will be less freely planted than last year by at least 25%. Several new greenhouses have been erected. All greenhouse stuff selling well and in good demand. Commercial fertilizers are more extensively used than ever before."—Thomas R. Stokes.

ESSEX COUNTY

"Tomatoes are growing very well under glass. Apparently there will be an increase of 25% in the plantings. Some of the larger shippers are increasing their acreage, and some new men are starting in a small way, while some who grew them last season are out of it. Early cabbage is being planted in the fields; an increase of about 25% in this crop is likely. Wax beans will be in small supply. Red and green peppers will be grown in about the usual quantity, which

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