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FRUIT REPORT

Ottawa, October 18, 1932. - The Dominion Bureau of Statistics, in co-operation with provincial governments, today issued a report covering the development of fruit crops throughout Canada and including preliminary estimates of production.

Canada. - The 1932 apple crop in Canada is considerably lower than production in 1931. In the Maritime Provinces production is lower this year, especially in Nova Scotia where serious damage resulted from heavy windstorms in September. The Quebec crop is estimated to be lower than last year but larger than average. Apple production in Ontario is sharply lower this year due to unfavourable development of the crops during the growing season. Growing conditions in British Columbia have been satisfactory during the present year and production is considerably larger than in 1931.

Prince Edward Island

Apple production in Prince Edward Island was affected during the latter part of the season by heavy windstorms which damaged the crop in many orchards and caused a heavy drop. Late varieties were particularly affected. The damaging storms occurred on September 17th and September 24th.

McIntosh, Gravenstein, Wealthy and Duchess apples appear to have been the leading varieties in Prince Edward Island this season.

The supply situation varies in different parts of the province this year. A few localities report that local production will be sufficient for requirements while other districts report that production is not sufficient to meet the demand and apples will have to be imported--especially late varieties. In some areas the present year is an "off" season and the yield is abnormally low.

Preliminary Estimate of Production

	<u>Total Production</u>
Apples	28,000 Barrels

Nova Scotia

The apple crop of Nova Scotia suffered severely by virtue of two heavy storms early in September. The first storm of September 10th caused damage in eastern Nova Scotia and in Cape Breton. The second storm of September 17th centred in central and western parts of the province. In some districts a tendency to early maturity resulted in accentuated damage as a result of the storms. Damage to the Nova Scotia apple crop ranged from 20 per cent to 50 per cent, probably averaging about 30 per cent for the province as a whole.

Preliminary Estimate of Production

	<u>Commercial Production</u>	<u>Total Production</u>
Apples	750,000 Barrels	1,080,000 Barrels

New Brunswick

New Brunswick experienced some loss as a result of wind damage in September, but the damage was not significant. In general the ample moisture supply of the present season has promoted active growth and apples are of good size and in some areas a better yield is apparent than was anticipated earlier in the season. Some correspondents report that the wet weather has rendered sprays partially ineffective and infestations of many kinds are present. Taking the fruit area of New Brunswick as a whole, however, the apple crop is good both in respect to yield and quality and the outturn will be only slightly smaller than last year.

Preliminary Estimate of Production

	<u>Commercial Production</u>	<u>Total Production</u>
Apples	32,000 Barrels	32,000 Barrels

Quebec

Lower St. Lawrence and Quebec Districts:

In these two districts McIntosh and Wealthy apples indicate a yield of from 15 to 20 per cent above average. The fruit is well developed, and the quality is excellent owing to efficiency in spraying. Very little damage by apple scab and insects was sustained. No hail damage was experienced in the above districts. Yellow Transparents yielded about 25 per cent below normal, owing to defective pollenization in the spring.

South East of Montreal and Ottawa Valley:

Fameuse and McIntosh apples, which were very promising in the summer, were damaged by hail with a consequent effect upon the quality of the crop. Frequent sprayings prevented scab and reduced damage by insects to the minimum. Apples are well developed and the increased yield is partially due to the use of proper chemical fertilizers. The market prospects are good and there is a noticeable improvement in the preparation of the fruit for sale.

Preliminary Estimates of Production

	<u>Commercial Production</u>	<u>Total Production</u>
Apples	179,000 Barrels	400,000 Barrels

Ontario

The 1932 apple crop in Ontario is sharply lower than last year. The crop has developed unfavourably throughout the season. Apple scab and apple maggot have been prevalent especially in the district bordering on Lake Ontario and Lake Erie and extending from Northumberland to Elgin and Middlesex. Varieties suitable for export are sharply lower than last year. Baldwins and Greenings show the greatest decrease in yield as compared with last year, while McIntosh and Spies have made the best showing.

Preliminary Estimates of Production

	<u>Commercial Production</u>	<u>Total Production</u>
Apples	575,000 Barrels	1,185,000 Barrels

Peaches - All varieties of peaches yielded well. Considerable loss was sustained through ground rot developing in practically all varieties, whether sprayed with a preventative or not.

Pears - Bartlett and Duchess varieties are yielding an excellent crop with good size and quality. Anjous are very good. Kieffers are below normal in yield, but of good quality. Other varieties are practically normal.

Plums - The plum crop is estimated at 10% less than last year's yield. Damsons and Shropshires are the heaviest yielding varieties this year.

Grapes - Three to five year old plantings are very heavy with a large new acreage coming into bearing. Older plantings are below average. Considerable damage has resulted from Leaf Hopper, as well as some damage from hail in the central area of Lincoln County.

Preliminary Estimates of Production

	<u>Commercial Production</u>	<u>Total Production</u>
Peaches	240,000 Bushels	350,000 Bushels
Pears	750,000 Bushels	875,000 Bushels
Plums	112,000 Bushels	232,000 Bushels
Grapes	49,000,000 Pounds	49,000,000 Pounds

British Columbia

The 1932 apple crop in British Columbia has developed under generally favourable conditions and the yield is higher than last year while the quality is excellent. Insect pests and disease have been well controlled this year. The annual apple crop of British Columbia is estimated at 4,458,000 boxes or about one million boxes in excess of last year.

Apple Production in Eastern Canada

	<u>Commercial Production</u>	<u>Total Production</u>
Prince Edward Island ...		28,000 Barrels
Nova Scotia	750,000 Barrels	1,080,000 Barrels
New Brunswick	32,000 Barrels	82,000 Barrels
Quebec	179,000 Barrels	400,000 Barrels
Ontario	575,000 Barrels	1,185,000 Barrels



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