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FRUIT REPORT NO. 2,

Ottawa, June 24, 1933. - The Dominion Bureau of Statistics in co-operation with provincial governments to-day issued a report dealing with the development of fruit crops in the Maritime Provinces, and Ontario. Reports for other provinces will be issued shortly.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.- The fruit crop of Prince Edward Island is developing well and reports from this province indicate a good yield this year. Prospects for apple production are good with a heavy bloom reported throughout the province. No damage is reported from insects or disease. Strawberries are developing well and while growth has been slow on account of cool weather a good yield is indicated. Some winter killing of raspberries is reported in Queen's County. Plums and cherries are not extensively grown but reports indicate an average condition for these crops at this time of the year.

NOVA SCOTIA.- Correspondents in Nova Scotia report prospects are uniformly good and all stress the favourable conditions under which the apple crop has developed so far this year. Moisture conditions and temperatures have been ideal for growth. Very little damage is reported from insects or disease and a clean apple crop is indicated. Bloom has been average to heavy. A few points report a smaller set than indicated by the bloom. Strawberries and raspberries are developing well. An increase in strawberry production is indicated this year as compared with last year.

The condition of the chief varieties of apples on June 17, 1933, are shown as follows: (1 - Poor; 2 - below average; 3 - average; 4 - above average; 5 - exceptionally good).

All apples	4.0	Ben Davis	4.0
Gravenstein	3.0	Stark	3.0
Kings	4.0	Golden Russet	3.0
Ribston	4.0	Baldwin	4.0
Blenheim	3.0		

NEW BRUNSWICK.- Fruit crops in New Brunswick are developing well although the season is somewhat later than usual. The apple crop is progressing favourably with an average to above average bloom and a good set. No material damage is reported from insects or diseases. Some correspondents report that orchards are receiving exceptional care this year. A few points report that rain would be helpful. Plums and cherries are developing well and an average crop is indicated. Winter-killing has affected the production of strawberries in some areas but in general a good yield is indicated.

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All apples	3.5	Alexander	2.5
McIntosh	4.0	Wolf River	3.0
Fameuse	4.0	Dudly	3.0
Wealthy	4.0	Other	
Bishop Pippin	3.0	Varieties	3.5

ONTARIO - APPLES.- Scab is evident in all sections, but well under control in carefully sprayed orchards. Most varieties of apples had a fine showing of bloom. Weather conditions during the setting period were favourable, and a crop of apples considerably in excess of the somewhat reduced output of last year is indicated at the present time in both eastern and western Ontario. Fruit is developing well but in the dryer sections rain is now required.

CHERRIES.- Cherries are promising. Sour cherries will be medium to average, but considerably less than the heavy crop of last year. Sweet cherries have a heavy set, and are expected to be from 5 per cent to 10 per cent in excess of last year. Starlings are quite numerous and may reduce the marketable crop appreciably.

Ontario - Cont'd.

PEARS.- Pears have a fair set of fruit in well pruned and cared for orchards. The yield of Bartletts and Keiffers, which constitute the major part of the commercial crop in Ontario will be from 10 per cent to 15 per cent under last year. The reduction will be largely in the poorer orchards. Weather has been satisfactory for development, and fruit is comparatively free of disease.

PEACHES.- Peaches are estimated to yield less than in 1932. Early varieties are quite light, but the mid-season and later varieties are average. The output is expected to expand considerably in the next few years owing to the large number of orchards planted since 1930. Curl leaf is generally prevalent and quite bad in the Niagara district among the poorer orchards.

JAPANESE PLUMS which include the Shiro, Abundance and Burbank, and account for about one-quarter of the total plum crop, are very light and well under last year. European varieties have a medium to good set. The total production of plums will probably be slightly less than in 1932.

The production of Grapes is indicated as around 10 per cent greater than a year ago. The yield on bearing vines will be the same or just slightly less than last year. The increased production will result from the large acreage of new vineyards planted in 1931 and 1932. The damage from the wind storm on June 7th was not great. Leaf Hopper is the worst in years and very thorough spraying will be necessary to prevent damage. The condition of fruit crops in Ontario is shown as follows:- (1 - poor; 2 - below average; 3 - average; 4 - above average; 5 - exceptionally good).

	Condition		Condition
All Apples	3.4	Ben Davis	2.8
McIntosh	3.1	Other Apples	3.5
Baldwins	3.2	Cherries	2.8
Spys	3.2	Pears	2.7
Greenings	3.5	Peaches	2.8
Wealthy	3.5	Plums	2.7
Starks	2.7	Grapes	3.0

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