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FRUIT REPORT NO. 4.

Ottawa, August 18, 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, Quebec and Ontario.

REPORTS BY PROVINCES

Note:- Where condition figures are quoted in the following reports, the basis is as follows:- 1 = Poor; 2 = Below average; 3 = Average; 4 = Above average; 5 = Exceptionally good.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.- Prince Edward Island has experienced a season of limited rainfall with consequent effects upon production. Apples give promise of about average to slightly under average yields due to the extended drought. In some cases, correspondents report that apples and plums are thin on trees. **Insects** are not causing much damage in orchards that are cared for.

The following table shows the condition of fruit crops in Prince Edward Island on July 15, 1933:-

Apples .....	2.9
Crab apples .....	3.0
Plums .....	3.0

Preliminary estimate of apple production.- The 1933 apple crop of Prince Edward Island is currently estimated at 25,000 barrels compared with 28,000 barrels in 1932.

NOVA SCOTIA.- After experiencing ideal weather conditions during the early part of the growing season, Nova Scotia reports a general lack of moisture during the month of July and during the first half of August. Some districts indicate that the extended drought has not materially affected the apple crop, while other districts report that dry weather is causing a further drop and affecting the sizing of the new crop. Moisture would be beneficial throughout the entire fruit areas. Insect damage during the present growing season has been light and all pests are under control. Some damage is reported from the gray-banded leaf roller. Plums are reported as developing well but rain will be required to size the crop.

The following table shows the condition of various varieties of apples and plums in Nova Scotia on July 15th:-

Gravenstein .....	3.0
King .....	3.6
Ribston .....	4.0
Blenheim .....	3.5
Ben Davis .....	3.6
Stark .....	3.0
Golden Russett .....	3.2
Baldwin .....	3.4
Other varieties .....	3.0
Plums .....	3.3

Preliminary estimate of production.- Commercial production of apples in Nova Scotia in 1933 is estimate at 1,500,000 barrels, while total production for the province is estimated at 1,900,000 barrels.

NEW BRUNSWICK.- Continued drought has reduced apple prospects in New Brunswick both in regard to quantity and quality of production. Early prospects for an above average yield have been reduced by lack of rainfall. Some districts report a fairly heavy drop as a result of the dry weather and the belief that the size will be affected. Rain would be welcome throughout all fruit areas of New Brunswick. The crop is reported as clean and damage from insects is light this year.

The following table shows the condition of various varieties of apples in New Brunswick on July 14, 1933:-

McIntosh .....	2.9
Wealthy .....	3.1
Fameuse .....	3.0
Bishop Pippin .....	3.0
Wolf River .....	2.8
Alexander .....	2.9
Dudly .....	3.0
Others .....	3.0
Plums .....	2.7

Preliminary estimate of production.- The 1933 commercial apple crop of New Brunswick is estimated at 40,000 barrels, while total production is estimated at 90,000 barrels.

QUEBEC.- The following report covering fruit prospects in the province of Quebec has been prepared by the Statistical Division of the Department of Agriculture in Quebec.

"Drought that prevailed in July has affected trees and delayed the growth of fruits. In the latter part of the month, heavy showers have somewhat relieved the situation, but, in some districts, local damages were caused by hail and wind and the yield was reduced. Insects and diseases are well under control in the sprayed orchards.

"Lower St-Lawrence:-

Drought has somewhat delayed the growth of fruits. The blight is noticed in Quebec and Portneuf counties. The scab is developing in the partly sprayed orchards.

Yield of cherries and plums will be light.

"Bois-Francis & Eastern Townships:-

Lack of rain in July has delayed fruit development and occasioned early ripening. A wind storm on July 28th has caused local damages. Diseases and insects are well under control.

"S.-E. of Montreal:-

Drought has somewhat delayed the growth of fruits but coloring is good. Hail has caused severe damages in Abbotsford, St-Hilaire and Rougemont.

"Montreal & Ottawa River Valley:-

Hail and wind have damaged the crop in St. Joseph du Lac and Oka. Insects and diseases are well under control."

The condition of various varieties of apples on July 15 and August 8, is shown in the following table:

District	McIntosh		Wealthy		Fameuse		Yellow Trans-parent		Duchess		Others		TOTAL	
	Aug. 8th	July 15th	Aug. 8th	July 15th	Aug. 8th	July 15th	Aug. 8th	July 15th	Aug. 8th	July 15th	Aug. 8th	July 15th	Aug. 8th	July 15th
Lower St-Lawrence	3.7	4.	3.	3.	3.	2.	3.3	3.	3.	3.	2.4	3.	2.5	3.
Quebec	3.5	2.7	3.9	3.5	3.5	3.6	4.5	2.6	3.5	4.5	2.6	2.8	2.7	2.8
Eastern Townships	3.	3.	3.	-	3.	2.	4.	5.	4.	4.	3.	4.	3.	3.
S.E. of Montreal	3.3	3.	3.	3.5	2.7	2.5	1.7	2.2	2.2	2.8	3.2	3.3	2.8	2.8
Montreal & O.R.V.	3.	3.3	4.3	4.1	3.1	3.2	3.	3.9	3.5	4.1	3.1	3.4	3.2	2.6
PROVINCE	3.2	3.	3.2	3.7	2.7	2.6	1.9	2.5	3.5	3.5	2.9	3.	2.8	2.9
PROVINCE-PLUMS	3.													

ONTARIO.- The following report has been prepared by the Department of Statistics and Publications of the Ontario Department of Agriculture:

Small fruits have been retarded in sizing by the intense heat and lack of moisture during July. The raspberry crop was considerably reduced by drought and pears, cherries and grapes are all inclined to be on the small side. Apples are average to above average in size and all varieties are reported clean and quite free from insect damage. Prospects indicate that apple orchards in Western Ontario will give a yield well in excess of last year but that in Eastern Ontario the production will not be as great as in 1932. Elberta peaches are light this year after three large crops in succession. Other varieties are fairly heavy and quality is exceptionally good.

The following table shows the condition of fruit crops in Ontario on July 14, 1933:-

All apples .....	3.1
McIntosh .....	3.9
Baldwins .....	2.9
Spy .....	2.9
Greening .....	3.0
Wealthy .....	3.0
Stark .....	2.5
Ben Davis .....	2.8
Other Varieties .....	2.9
Pears .....	2.3
Peaches .....	2.7
Plums .....	2.6
Grapes .....	2.7

The following are preliminary estimates of fruit production in Ontario for 1933:-

	<u>Estimated 1933</u>	<u>Estimated 1932</u>
	<u>bushels</u>	<u>bushels</u>
Peaches.....	749,300	814,000
Pears .....	292,000	317,000
Plums.....	127,965	142,000
Grapes .....	3,618,000 lbs.	53,517,000 lbs.
Raspberries .....	2,421,000 qts.	3,317,000 qts.
Apples .....	1,017,800 bbls.	918,500 bbls.

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