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## FRUIT REPORT NO. 5.

Ottawa, September 19, 1933. -- The Dominion Bureau of Statistics in co-operation with provincial governments today issued a report dealing with the development of fruit crops in the Maritime Provinces, Ontario and Quebec.

### REPORTS BY PROVINCES

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND. - The apple crop of Prince Edward Island has developed somewhat irregularly. The early season drought was not helpful but late August rains materially improved prospects. Heavy wind storms on the 11th and 12th of September caused a varying amount of damage, some points reporting considerable damage and others only slight damage. In orchards that have been carefully looked after the apple crop is clean and free from insect injury.

The apple crop of Prince Edward Island is estimated at 23,000 barrels compared with 28,000 barrels produced in 1932.

NOVA SCOTIA. - A prolonged drought in July and the early part of August caused considerable anxiety in regard to the apple crop of Nova Scotia. In its final stage the drought was definitely retarding growth. In the later part of August good rains were received and further moisture was received during the first half of September. The added moisture supplies largely offset the effects of preceding drought and during the past three weeks the apple crop has made good progress. Bright sunshine and cool nights have assisted in sizing and colouring the crop. The gray-banded leaf roller is taking some toll in local areas but strenuous control measures have kept damage from this source to a minimum. Orchards have been well cared for as a rule and the yield of apples is expected to greatly exceed the 1932 outturn if favourable conditions continue. Commercial production is estimated at 1,600,000 barrels, while total production is estimated at 2,000,000 barrels.

NEW BRUNSWICK. - After a prolonged drought the fruit areas of New Brunswick have received good rains in recent weeks. More favourable weather conditions have improved prospects for apple and plum production in the province. Apples have sized and coloured well since the moisture situation improved. There has been some loss occasioned by drop and early varieties were affected by the July drought. Bright sunshine and cool nights along with sufficient moisture have brought the apple crop along nicely during the past three weeks. The crop is reported as relatively clean and insect injury has been well controlled during the present season.

The 1933 commercial apple crop is estimated at 40,000 barrels while total production is estimated at 90,000 barrels.

ONTARIO. - In Eastern Ontario rains during the latter part of August were of benefit to all varieties of apples. With the exception of Starks, most varieties indicate a medium to heavy crop. The size and quality are fully up to average at this date.

Sideworm is in evidence with a light infestation of scab, but diseases and pests are generally well under control.

In Western Ontario, owing to the dry weather sod orchard apples are smaller than usual and are maturing early. Orchards under cultivation will yield a heavy pack. MacIntosh is generally reported as being light, while Duchess, Snow and Ben Davis are also light in certain areas. The total apple crop will show a large increase over last year.

Other small fruits show little change in condition during the past month. The production will be lower than in 1932, but the condition of fruit is exceptionally good, and is moving into consumption channels at prices generally comparable with last year.

Production of fruit crops in Ontario are now estimated as follows, --

	<u>Estimated 1933</u>	<u>Estimated 1932</u>
	<u>Bushels</u>	<u>Bushels</u>
Peaches .....	749,850	814,000
Pears .....	296,765	317,000
Plums .....	132,780	142,000
Grapes .....	43,698,000 lbs.	53,517,000 lbs.
Apples .....	1,062,500 bbls.	918,500 bbls.

QUEBEC. - During August, weather conditions have been generally favourable and helped the development of fruits in size and color. Hail damage in Rougemont, Abbotsford and St-Joseph du Lac will seriously reduce the quantity of top grade quality. Scab is also reported as quite prevalent in poorly sprayed orchards.

McIntosh and Wealthy crop is reported as heavy, while Fameuse is light.

FORECAST: The total apple crop is now estimated at 480,000 barrels and the commercial production is placed at 253,000 barrels, as compared with 258,000 barrels in 1932, being a decrease of 2%.

Table showing forecast of the commercial production by district in 1933:

Hemmingford, Cover Hill & Franklin Centre.	25,000 brls.
Sweetsburg & Dunham.	5,000 "
Montreal Island.	15,000 "
Mount-Johnson.	4,000 "
Abbotsford.	36,000 "
St-Joseph du Lac & Oka.	30,000 "
Rougemont.	44,000 "
St-Hilaire.	45,000 "
Chateauguay Woodlands.	19,000 "
Other districts. (x)	30,000 "

(x) Other districts: including the Quebec Section: **St-Nicolas**, Orleans Island, Beaupre Coast, Charlevoix, L'Islet and Kamouraska.

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