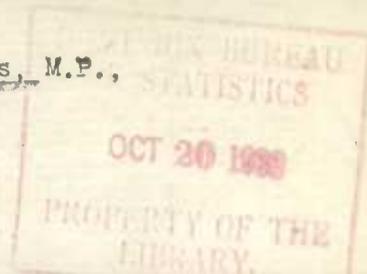


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FRUIT REPORT NO. 6.

Ottawa, October 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. - During the past month frequent and heavy rains have been received in Prince Edward Island. Spot has developed on late apples. Heavy rain and winds late in September did not damage the apple crop to any extent. Light frosts were reported in some low-lying sections where vines were damaged. Lack of sunshine has caused improper colouring in some instances. Apples are plentiful in Prince Edward Island.

The apple crop of Prince Edward Island is estimated at 25,000 barrels compared with 28,000 barrels last year.

NOVA SCOTIA. - Generous rains have been received during the past month in Nova Scotia and fruit has sized and coloured well. Severe rainstorms and high winds on October 7, 8 and 9 caused considerable damage, ranging from 10 to 40 per cent according to location and exposure of orchards. The quality of the crop is good. There is evidence of late spot developing in later varieties.

The commercial apple crop of Nova Scotia is estimated at 1,850,000 barrels and total production at 2,354,000 barrels.

NEW BRUNSWICK. - Warm weather with generous rainfall has helped to size the late apple crop in New Brunswick. In some cases, late apples have not coloured as well as expected. The heavy wind and rainstorms of October 6, 7 and 8 caused a considerable drop in some areas. Continued wet weather has caused the development of spot on late apples in some areas. Taking the crop as a whole, however, the quality is very good and the yield satisfactory.

The commercial crop of New Brunswick is estimated at 40,000 barrels and the total production at 90,000 barrels.

QUEBEC. - During September weather conditions helped to develop fruits in the Montreal District and packing is progressing normally.

The total apple crop is now estimated at 490,000 barrels and the commercial crop is estimated at 265,000 barrels.

The following table shows the estimated commercial production for 1933 by districts:

Hemmingford, Cover Hill & Franklin Centre	30,000 brls.
Sweetsburg & Durham.	5,000 "
Montreal Island.	15,000 "
Mount-Johnson.	4,000 "
Abbotsford.	36,000 "
St-Joseph du Lac & Ora.	30,000 "
Rougemont.	45,000 "
St-Hilaire.	50,000 "
Chateauguay Woodlands.	20,000 "
Other districts. (x)	30,000 "

(x) Other districts: including the Quebec sections: St-Nicholas, Orleans Island, Beaupré Coast, Charlevoix, L'Isle and Kamouraska.

ONTARIO. - Sufficient moisture and warm weather during the past month has greatly helped the sizing of late varieties of apples. Apples are mostly well coloured and fairly free from scab. In some orchards there is considerable evidence of side-worm injury. The size of fruit is average to slightly below average.

Grape bunches are reported light and smaller in size than usual owing to drought during July and August. The past month, with the absence of any severe frost has been very favourable for maturing.

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

	<u>Estimated 1933</u>	<u>Estimated 1932</u>
Peaches	749,850 bushels	814,000 bushels
Pears	296,765 "	317,000 "
Plums	132,780 "	142,000 "
Grapes	41,420,000 lbs.	53,517,000 lbs.
Apples	1,068,700 bbls.	918,500 bbls.

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