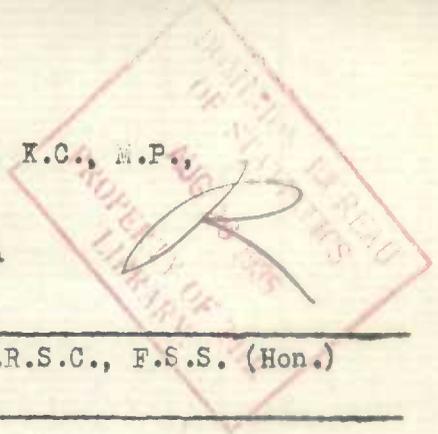


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FRUIT REPORT NO. 3.

Ottawa, August 24, 1935.- The Dominion Bureau of Statistics, in co-operation with the Fruit Branch of the Department of Agriculture and Provincial Departments of Agriculture to-day issued a report showing the condition of fruit crops in Canada and preliminary estimates of 1935 production.

Prince Edward Island.- During July weather conditions were very favourable. Correspondents reported hot weather with high, drying winds for the first two weeks in August which may affect the growth of fruit. Diseases and insects are well under control on fruit trees where spraying has been timely and adequate. Apples are looking well but rain is much needed. Some plum trees have been destroyed by black knot but an average crop is reported.

Nova Scotia.- During the month of July moisture conditions were quite good for the most part. In the vicinity of Annapolis Royal immediate rain would be desirable. Apples are sizing up rapidly and are large for the time of year also showing considerable colour. In well-cared-for orchards disease and insects are reported well under control although the gray-banded leaf roller and the apple mealy bug are in evidence in some orchards. Production is not expected to exceed the 1934 crop. Over the Annapolis Valley the plum crop is reported to be in good condition but somewhat lighter than last year. Recent rains have been very beneficial.

New Brunswick.- Dry weather has retarded the sizing of apples somewhat but timely rains for the balance of the season would prevent this from being a serious matter. Where orchards are well-sprayed, disease and insects are well controlled although in some sections apples are badly rusted. Rains have fallen during the last few days.

Quebec.- Conditions remain generally satisfactory for the development of the apple crop. Hail has caused some damage in certain eastern counties, while orchards that were not carefully and effectively sprayed have developed disease. In western counties, a dry, hot spell during the second and third weeks of August caused an increased drop, but rains came in time to prevent the situation from becoming serious.

Ontario.- In eastern Ontario weather during past month ^{was} abnormally hot and very dry. In some orchards the sizing of apples was retarded while in other orchards soil moisture was sufficient to carry fruit development so far. Continued drought and heat will hasten ripening and lower quality. Scab is quite prevalent owing to rainy weather at spraying time. Considerable sideworm injury reported. Hail damage in restricted areas. Trees still dying. Plenty of moisture in western Ontario, except in Niagara district, and apples sizing well. Considerable scab in orchards not thoroughly sprayed. Insect injury only slight. Well-sprayed orchards clean and free of disease. Some apple trees planted this year have black hearts and are dying in the Niagara district. Weather extremely dry during past month and rain very badly needed. Pear crop only light and less promising than a month ago, with considerable psylla in some orchards. Peaches somewhat on small side in large number of orchards where thinning was not sufficiently carried out and also due to insufficient moisture supplies. No disease so far. Plums very good quality and are in good demand with canners and other buyers purchasing freely. Prospects for average or slightly less than average crop of grapes continue good. Leaf hopper quite bad in unsprayed vineyards. Fruit arrivals on market in next two weeks include Wealthy and Alexander apples; Damson, Bradshaw, Genii and Reine Claude plums; Yellow St. John; Early Crawford and Vidette peaches; Bartlett pears; Blue Champion and White Portland Grapes. In Niagara district tomatoes are very badly affected by drought and rot will cause a shortage in output and plums retarded in sizing.

British Columbia.- During the first few weeks of August the weather was quite cool with considerable rain during this period. Other than causing some splitting to the cherry crop, the weather on the whole, has been beneficial to all fruits. Good crops of small fruits and bush fruits are being harvested. All tree fruits are developing very satisfactorily and colour can be described as very good. Pests and diseases are causing considerable concern, in some places. Aphids of all kinds are very prevalent and late development of apple scab is becoming noticeable.

Preliminary Estimates of Production

Nova Scotia

	<u>1935</u>	<u>1934</u>
Apples (barrels)	1,800,000	1,800,000

New Brunswick

Apples (barrels)	45,000	30,000
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Quebec

Apples (barrels)	150,000	121,000
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Ontario

Apples (barrels)	426,000	320,610
Peaches (bushels)	674,800	337,432
Plums and Prunes (bushels)	80,000	66,390
Pears (bushels)	161,000	201,800

British Columbia

Apples (boxes)	4,872,000	4,958,779
Pears (boxes)	227,000	226,500
Plums and Prunes (crates)	355,000	354,490
Peaches (crates)	113,000	120,400
Apricots (crates)	117,000	122,300

Canada

Apples (barrels)	4,073,926	3,891,000
Pears (bushels)	312,000	344,000
Plums and Prunes (bushels)	198,163	187,000
Peaches (bushels)	714,933	407,000
Apricots (bushels)	40,767	75,000

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