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PACK OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES, 1931.

Ottawa, February 1932. - The Dominion Bureau of Statistics presents herewith an interim report on the pack of fruits and vegetables during the calendar year 1931. A questionnaire was mailed to 220 individual plants requesting the quantity of fruits and vegetables canned during the year. Replies were received from 209 establishments of which 151 were operating in 1931. Eleven plants have not been heard from at the time of writing this report. Some of these plants did very little canning in previous years while in the case of a few others it would be safe to assume that they did not operate in 1931. The preliminary figures for 1931, therefore, include about 95 per cent of the total production of canned fruits and vegetables in Canada.

The following table gives an analysis of the returns received.

Province	Plants operating	Plants not operating	Plants not heard from
Prince Edward Island	2	-	-
Nova Scotia	4	3	1
New Brunswick	1	3	2
Quebec	32	14	1
Ontario	95	28	5
Manitoba	-	1	-
Alberta	2	-	-
British Columbia	15	9	2
TOTAL	151	58	11

Comparative figures of the pack of fruits and vegetables for the calendar years 1930 and 1931 are presented in the following summary by provinces. Compared with the previous year there was a decrease of 2,789,647 cases of canned vegetables and 539,852 cases of canned soups. The pack of tomatoes and peas was considerably lower than in the previous year while that of corn was 278,716 cases higher.

(a) Pack of Canned Vegetables by Provinces, 1930 and 1931.

Canned Vegetables	Maritime Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	British Columbia	Prairie Provinces	Canada
<u>1930</u>	Cases	Cases	Cases	Cases	Cases	Cases
Beans, green or wax	8,954	119,910	92,121	108,200	20,032	349,217
Beans, baked	3,059	515,017	456,113	44,492	8,056	1,026,737
Corn	-	139,161	901,017	37,985	-	1,078,163
Peas	-	129,631	2,099,488	300,633	23,880	2,553,632
Tomatoes	-	228,373	2,472,089	641,689	47,398	3,389,549
All other vegetables	-	4,594	190,698	55,395	102,050	352,737
TOTAL	12,013	1,136,686	6,211,526	1,188,394	201,416	8,750,035
Soups, canned	+	+	+	+	-	777,269
<u>1931</u>						
Asparagus	-	30	16,739	4,323	-	21,092
Beans, green or wax	3,039	130,884	48,839	34,372	-	217,134
Beans, baked	6,536	395,540	286,060	78,834	#	766,970
Beets	-	-	18,813	1,926	-	20,739
Carrots	-	4	1,373	1,230	-	2,607
Corn	-	285,029	1,049,270	22,580	-	1,356,879
Peas	-	258,930	727,291	132,569	-	1,118,790
Pumpkin	-	-	44,730	1,623	-	46,353
Spinach	-	-	32,242	3,589	-	35,831
Tomatoes	-	274,617	1,525,600	245,641	#	2,045,858
Tomato Juice	-	-	124,391	16,248	-	140,639
Tomato paste & puree	-	175	53,383	2,438	-	55,996
All other vegetables	-	470	127,029	4,001	-	131,500
TOTAL	9,575	1,345,679	4,055,760	549,374	#	5,960,388
Soups, canned	-	-	+	+	-	237,417

+ Unable to show figures by provinces without disclosing information of individual establishments

Included with British Columbia

824,5672

The pack of canned fruits as shown in Table (b) indicates a considerable drop when compared with 1930, amounting to 193,307 cases or more than 20 per cent. The outstanding feature in the fruit section is the decline in the pack of canned pears and cherries and an increase in the pack of peaches.

(b) Pack of Canned Fruits by Provinces, 1930 and 1931.

1930	Maritime Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	British Columbia	Prairie Provinces	Canada
Total No. of Cases	38,200	39,959	676,315	173,364	-	927,838
Apples	4,446	512	580	13,559	-	19,097
Peaches	-	3,858	115,425	19,917	-	139,200
Pears	1,653	2,530	260,343	35,274	-	299,800
Plums	-	4,600	61,070	12,688	-	78,358
Cherries	-	-	108,156	19,899	-	128,055
Raspberries	18	3,000	20,839	16,348	-	40,205
Strawberries	1,221	4,500	7,806	22,997	-	36,524
Other small fruits	30,862	18,259	26,800	11,862	-	87,783
All other fruits	-	2,700	75,296	20,820	-	98,816
1931						
Total No. of Cases	11,461	4,447	618,794	99,829	-	734,531
Apples	8,175	15	50,068	2,313	-	60,571
Peaches	-	-	158,262	10,073	-	168,335
Pears	1,377	-	171,098	6,614	-	179,089
Plums	-	-	59,322	268	-	59,590
Cherries	-	-	63,005	6,329	-	69,334
Raspberries	-	841	49,123	14,954	-	64,918
Strawberries	1,146	90	17,763	8,230	-	27,229
Blueberries	763	3,501	6	-	-	4,270
Other small fruits	-	-	-	26,576	-	26,576
All other fruits	-	-	50,147	24,472	-	74,619

Imports and exports of canned fruits and vegetables for the calendar years 1930 and 1931 are given in Tables (c) and (d). Imports of canned vegetables totalled 8,424,603 pounds as against 16,976,678 pounds in 1930. Imports of canned fruits were also lower, dropping from 42,015,895 pounds in 1930 to 31,526,224 pounds in 1931. Exports of both canned fruits and vegetables in 1931 were, however, higher, the former increasing by 2,040,926 pounds and the latter by 2,298,943 pounds.

Table (c). Imports of Canned Fruits and Vegetables, 1930 and 1931.
(Calendar Year)

	1931		1930	
	Quantity Lbs.	Value \$	Quantity Lbs.	Value \$
Canned Vegetables -				
Asparagus	1,038,742	157,421	1,459,353	228,467
Beans, baked	679,463	54,180	873,226	68,807
Corn	1,072,449	83,283	3,324,368	228,672
Peas	2,029,334	166,225	4,424,864	348,079
Tomatoes	831,780	31,445	1,624,715	87,630
Mushrooms	675,146	113,094	828,717	144,842
All other Vegetables	2,097,689	159,933	4,441,435	354,688
Total Canned Vegetables	8,424,603	765,581	16,976,678	1,461,185
Canned Fruits -				
Peaches and Apricots	6,482,103	423,624	10,759,747	870,158
Pears	771,875	58,546	1,318,742	126,307
Pineapples	21,477,939	930,435	23,405,812	1,269,795
All Other Fruits	2,794,307	265,736	6,531,594	688,155
Total Canned Fruits	31,526,224	1,678,341	42,015,895	2,954,415

Table (d). Exports of Canned Fruits and Vegetables, 1929-1930.
(Calendar Year)

	1931		1930	
	Quantity Lbs.	Value \$	Quantity Lbs.	Value \$
Canned Vegetables -				
Beans	4,034,021	200,522	4,979,354	295,862
Tomatoes	6,414,390	353,589	3,223,466	216,910
All Other Vegetables	1,810,930	100,221	1,757,578	118,243
Total Canned Vegetables	12,259,341	654,332	9,960,398	631,015
Canned Fruits -				
Pears	2,054,462	139,874	1,957,595	152,212
All Other Fruits	3,274,840	191,217	1,330,781	98,059
Total Canned Fruits	5,329,302	331,091	3,288,376	250,271

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