

APPLE CULTURE IN NEW BRUNSWICK IN YEAR 1915

Last year was very unfavorable for apple growing in the province. The spring was decidedly late, cold and wet, with but little bright sunshine, and as a consequence orchards were from 10 days to two weeks later coming into bloom than usual—orchards generally showing bloom here by May 26th.

The bloom was from medium to quite heavy and bore out the indications of the early spring for a good crop. Early varieties and nearly all winter varieties gave promise of as large a crop as that of 1914. Fall varieties bloomed somewhat less heavily than the others.

The blooming season passed without frost injury, but it was marked by decidedly unfavorable weather, being dull, wet and cold. These weather conditions prevailed throughout June, and in consequence there was only a fair set of fruit, and this was followed by a very heavy drop. Early in June it was apparent that the apple crop would be light, and by the end of the month it was evident that it would be one of the smallest in the history of the province. In this respect, however, it is well to note that New Brunswick was no exception, the Monthly Fruit Report for September issued by the Federal Fruit Division stating:

"Taking the Dominion as a whole, it seems probable that the year 1915 will be long remembered as a year of low production and poor quality."

Good Prices Prevailed.

Harvesting took place under favorable weather conditions, and prices ruled very high, especially for late fall and winter varieties. Good standard varieties such as McIntosh Red, Fameuse, Golden Russet and Bishop Pippin, were in keen demand at prices ranging from \$4 to \$6 per barrel for No. 1 stock, according to variety.

It should be remembered that such unfavorable weather conditions as prevailed in the spring and early summer of 1915 are more marked in the resulting poor fruit crop in provinces and sections where fruit culture is, as yet, for the most part, conducted in a haphazard manner. Adverse weather conditions, favoring as they do, the prevalence of fungus diseases, etc., together with the natural tendency of trees left largely to their own resources to bear heavy and light crops in alternate years, are being considerably offset by the application of that optimum combination of work, knowledge and skill known as "modern orchard practice." Evidences of this are, as yet, only too few in New Brunswick, but nevertheless they are here, and even this year some growers, through the practice for years of modern orchard culture, were rewarded with a good crop of good quality and the highest prices in the history of the industry.

Properly viewed and considered, there is nothing about the fact of the low yield and poor quality of the apple crop of 1915 that should deter us from doing all we can to develop and extend apple culture in New Brunswick. The poor season has but served to emphasize the fact that it is the wide awake and intelligent farmer and fruit grower, the man who does not depend on the weather but who seeks by a proper application of work, knowledge and skill, to aid and offset it—it is he who reaps the advantages and profits of a good yield, good quality and high prices in a year when a general production and quality is below the average.

Plant More Trees.

I would like to urge our fruit growers and farmers to plant more apple trees this year. The time was never more opportune and the outlook for profitable returns were never brighter. Maritime Province nurseries have large stocks of first class apple trees of varieties of proved merit for our climate, on hand, and prices are lower than usual. In this connection I would like to remind you that the New Brunswick Fruit Growers' Association, in its purchase of nursery stock for the members, is patronizing the local nurseries and in that way doing what it can to encourage them. Matters have now reached a stage where there is no longer any need or excuse for our people to send their money out of the province when purchasing fruit trees. First class stock of the best varieties of apple trees for this province, New Brunswick grown, may be procured from the Albert Nurseries, The St. John Valley Nurseries, Burton; Mr. John Jennings, Newburg Junction, and others. Then again, prices for late fall and winter apples were never higher than during the last few months, not only here, but in nearly all the Canadian markets, and the evidence of recent years shows only too clearly the great scarcity of any quantity of really first class late fall and mid-winter

apples grown in the province. More and more every year our people are coming to appreciate the excellent quality of our fruit and where it can be had, they are demanding it in preference to imported stock.

Too Many Early Apples.

There is an increasing desire on the part of the farmers throughout the province to get their trees of early varieties grafted over to longer keeping fruit, and this a movement which the Department of Agriculture, through its Fruit Division, is doing all it can to assist. Too many trees of early varieties were planted in the past, and under conditions and in widely scattered locations which prevented co-operation in marketing. The result was that in some years we had glut of early apples, and these discouraged our farmers to a considerable extent from taking proper care of their orchards and increasing their plantings. Since then, however, a considerable proportion of this acreage of early varieties has ceased to be a producing factor and with the grafting over to later varieties of a considerable proportion of the balance, and with the newer plantings of long session fruit, the prospects for apple growing in New Brunswick are brighter than they were ten and fifteen years ago.

KLARK-URBAN COMPANY IN "UNDER COVER"

The Klark-Urban Company will commence a six night and Saturday matinee engagement at the Opera House next Monday evening in the great New York success, "Under Cover." It is an exciting and surprising story, is genuinely, suspensefully and engrossingly told. Wide-spread notoriety has followed the many recent cases of attempted evasion of duty on articles brought into America by wealthy and prominent Americans returning from Europe, and this has been one of the hardest problems which has confronted the agents of the United States Secret Service attached to the customs department. This problem is the basis of the new drama, "Under Cover." In "Under Cover" the author, with an intimate knowledge of the methods of the customs department detectives, has written a story that all the thrills of a detective story with an underlying sympathy of a conflict of heart and head. A young woman born and bred in the best social set of America, through the entanglement with a burglar insurance company and in order to protect a younger sister in a financial transgression, is forced to aid the agents of the Secret Service in tracing the smuggling into the United States of a valuable diamond necklace. In the working out of the plot she finds not only the love for her sister but also finds her love for the man under suspicion involved and she battles to keep both from the clutches of the law through scenes that are replete in mystery, suspense and keen interest with a solution wholly unexpected that comes at the last moment of the play. It is a battle of a woman against a man and the woman wins. Seats for the above play will be on sale at Ryan's Drug Store Saturday morning.

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The grape is not unknown to rhyme.
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Get ballads fair;
He prates about them overtime.

The orange figures in a tune,
The olive gets a classic rune.
For then the bard
Has high regard
He never sings about the prune.

All quacks are not hatched from
duck eggs.

KNEW HIM.

Gibbs—Bilson expressed a good deal of sympathy for poor Blank. Did you try him for a contribution?
Dibbs—No. I know Bilson; he like the letter 'p'—first in pity and last in help.

She—Will fasting make you thin?
He—I don't think so. I lived on water for five days last summer and didn't lose a pound.

She—You did?
He—Yes, from New York to Liverpool.

Opposition Platform

The following platform was adopted at the Opposition Convention held in St. John recently:
In the event of the Opposition being returned to power, we pledge ourselves:—

NO PARTIZAN CONTROL OF CROWN LANDS.

1. We pledge ourselves to completely reorganize the Crown Lands Department, so that its administration shall be entirely severed from politics and administered on sound business principles under systematic plans by a non-partizan commission specially appointed for that purpose, responsible to the Legislature and working in co-operation with the Dominion Commission of Conservation.

TAKE THE HIGHWAYS OUT OF POLITICS.

2. We pledge ourselves to take the highways out of politics, giving the expenditure of the money collected from the people and the control of the labor, together with the Government appropriations, into the hands of supervisors, chosen by the people of each parish, to whom a detailed and audited account must be rendered every year at the annual meeting, and a duplicate thereof forwarded to the Department of Public Works, the work of the supervisors to be under the inspection of a competent provincial engineer.

We also pledge ourselves to set aside the money collected from the licenses upon automobiles and other motor vehicles, together with an equal appropriation from the revenues of the Province each year, to pay the interest upon the bonds to provide for permanent roads, which shall be constructed as rapidly as possible.

PROHIBITION PROVINCE WIDE.

3. We pledge ourselves at the first session of the Legislature to pass a law prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors within the Province to the fullest extent allowed by the Constitution, and within three months after the passage of said Act to submit the same by referendum to the electors of the Province, and should the majority of votes cast be in favor of the said law, then to bring the same into force by proclamation within one year thereafter.

ELECTION LAW.

4. (a) To amend the electoral law so as to make it impossible for members of the Legislature to traffic with the Government and still retain their seats.

(b) To make it possible for young men, when they reach the age of 21 years, to register their names and be placed forthwith upon the voters' lists, instead of waiting for the tedious machinery of revision as it now exists.

(c) To divide the counties into electoral districts which shall each be represented by one member.

(d) We will also consider amendments to the election law to make bribery in municipal as well as provincial elections impossible.

PROVINCIAL FINANCES.

5. To obtain at once a correct statement of the financial condition of the Province in order that the people may have definite knowledge of the vastly increased public debt and the enormous obligations of guaranteed bonds they will be called upon to pay; and to so reduce the cost of the administration of affairs and the number of useless officials as to avoid the necessity for direct taxation now confronting us.

AGRICULTURE.

6. To give the farmers all the practical assistance that the resources of the Province will permit, to improve agricultural methods and the quality and quantity of the stock upon the farm; to reduce the enormous salary list in the department, and to spend the educational grant received from the Federal Government without regard for political patronage.

VALLEY RAILWAY.

7. To complete the Valley Railway from a point on the Trans-continental Railway at or near Grand Falls, to St. John, and insist upon the Dominion Government carrying out the terms of the original legislation and allow the Province forty per cent. of the gross earnings thereof.

EDUCATION.

8. To always maintain and improve the educational service of the Province and to co-operate with the Federal Government in carrying out the recommendations of the commission upon technical education.

IMMIGRATION.

9. The inauguration of a vigorous immigration policy to properly place before intending immigrants, whose number will be large after termination of the war, the advantages of the agricultural possibilities of New Brunswick.

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