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APPLE CROP HARVESTED IN GOOD CONDITION AND IS LIKELY TO EQUAL THAT OF LAST YEAR

New Brunswick's 1928 apple crop has been "harvested in good condition with the minimum of damage to both fruit and trees", according to a review of the 1928 season and crop by Provincial Horticulturist A. G. Turney of the New England Department of Agriculture, who also states that "the final packout may show a crop equal to or not more than 10 per cent less than 1927."

Previous indications pointed to New Brunswick's apple crop for 1928 being from 25 to 30 per cent less than the 1927 crop, and the improved situation is largely due to "the increasing number of young trees coming into bearing" and also to favorable weather conditions during the season. The weather was favorable for the two pre-blossom sprays and, Provincial Horticulturist Turney points out, success or failure in the control of apple scab in New Brunswick orchards depends to from 80 to 90 per cent on what spraying treatment the trees receive from the time of the opening of the first leaf buds until the trees are in blossom.

One of the most interesting features of the Provincial Horticulturist's review of the 1928 season is the statement that "planting of the new orchards showed 100 per cent increase over 1927" and that the production of McIntosh Red apples in New Brunswick this year is the largest in history. Especial reference is made to the fact that "this variety (McIntosh) is in keen demand on the Montreal market" and the prediction is made in connection with the marketing of the 1928 crop that "prices received throughout will be generally good."

Review of Season.

Following is the complete review for the 1928 season issued by Provincial Horticulturist A. G. Turney of the New Brunswick Department of Agriculture:

"The planting of new orchards showed a hundred per cent increase over 1927. Apple trees, generally, wintered well.

"Trees bloomed heavily but the weather during the blossom period was not very favorable being mostly cloudy and dull and rather cool. While early indications pointed to a set of fruit 25 to 30 per cent less than last year conditions improved throughout the summer and the final pack-out may show a crop equal to or not more than 10 per cent less than 1927. Although apple trees generally did not yield as heavily as two years ago, yet the increasing number of young trees coming into bearing keep the total yield up and make the production of McIntosh the largest yet. This variety is in keen demand on the Montreal market.

"The size and color of the fruit was very good and it was clean in well sprayed orchards. A portion of the crop was sold in advance of the picking season at good prices. Prices quoted on the Montreal market for the past two weeks have been encouraging for early shippers. Grading and packing is now going on and shipment of the crop will be completed next month with indications that prices received throughout will be generally good.

Season Was Wet.

"While 1928 will be classed as a wet season largely due to the frequent rains during the latter part of August and throughout September yet it must be remembered that the earlier part of the summer was favored with good weather. The weather was favorable for the application of the two pre-blossom sprays—known in the New Brunswick Apple Orchard Spray Calendar as applications No. 1 and No. 2. Growers who made these applications thoroughly and at the right time were able to produce a large majority of clean fruit in spite of the fact that wind conditions were unfavorable for the application of the third, fourth and fifth sprays and the latter part of the summer with its frequent rains was favorable to scab development. Just here it is well to say that the importance of the pre-blossom sprays can hardly be over emphasized. It is becoming increasingly evident that success or failure in the control of apple scab in New Brunswick Orchards depends to a very large extent, one might almost

say from 80 to 90 per cent, on what spraying treatment the trees receive from the time of the opening of the first leaf buds until the trees are in blossom. If ample protection against infection by apple scab has not been supplied in that period it cannot be secured by any number of after blossom sprays and the materials and labor used in such applications are largely wasted.

"The apple grower should determine to spray twice before the blossom, to make such applications at the right time and thoroughly, and he should feel encouraged to do so by the knowledge that his battle to grow clean fruit will then be more than half fought while the season is only just started. It should be a further encouragement to him that the time for the application of those pre-blossom sprays is generally more convenient than for some of the after blossom sprays.

Was Well Harvested.

"Very favorable weather, including the absence of severe winds, since the end of September has permitted the apple crop to be harvested in good condition with the minimum of damage to both fruit and trees. Practically all varieties were harvested by the twentieth but it is well to point out that that date is too late to be on the safe side every year and growers should aim to have all their crop picked not later than October 10th, with the possible exception of one or two late maturing varieties, such as Bethel and Russett. In 1925 we had quite a heavy snowfall about October 10th which caused some apple growers quite heavy loss through breaking down of the trees under the double load of fruit and snow and also by deterioration of the fruit. The fruit on such trees was somewhat injured by frost showing loss of keeping quality and deterioration quickly resulting in complaints and lower sale prices.

Taking Chances.

"The grower who leaves the picking of a large portion of his apples until after the first week in October is taking considerable chances on damage from high winds, heavy rains and sharp frosts. Lack of keeping quality in apples will result largely from over maturity at picking time. Our growers generally leave their apples on the trees too long. Most of our varieties might be picked to better advantage from a week to ten days earlier than the prevailing date now, and it has been particularly noticeable that certain varieties of apples picked a week, and in some cases, two weeks earlier than other lots, have handled better in grading and packing, arrived on the market in better advantage.

"With picking operations completed about the only thing left to do to the orchard is to take the necessary steps to protect all trees up to fifteen years or so of age against possible injury from girdling by mice. The attentions of growers is particularly directed this year to the necessity of providing such protection, as present indications point to mice being very abundant this coming winter. Any grower who has not yet received a copy of Exhibition Circular No. 17 on "Protection of Fruit Trees From Mice and Rabbits and Care Of Injured Trees," by Mr. W. T. Macoun, may have a copy of same by applying to the Horticultural Division, Department of Agriculture, Fredericton."

Married Last Evening

Frank Leon Carr of Waltham, Mass., and Miss Dorothy Cooper of this city formerly of England, were married last evening in the Parish Church. The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. F. Bate and the young couple were unattended. They will reside at Waltham, Mass.

Government Meeting

The provincial government met at St. John last evening and is in session again today. Several matters of importance are to be dealt with.

Dance Tonight

A dance at the Old Gaiety under the auspices of the Gyro Club is on the program for this evening. All who attend are assured of a good time.

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COOPERATIVE PURCHASING IS SUCCESSFUL

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A Big Business

It is estimated that the total volume of fertilizers business in the Province at the present time is approximately \$1,000,000 annually and New Brunswick Agricultural Societies United do about one third of that total. The fertilizer materials are bought largely at Baltimore, Maryland, U. S. A. which is the largest market in America and from that port shipments are made by steamers to Saint John from which port distribution takes place. Disbursements in wages for stevedores and other expenses in connection with the unloading from the steamers and transferring to freight cars of the fertilizer material at Saint John approximated \$50,000 during the past year, the business thus provided for the port of Saint John being a substantial one. A dozen or more vessels carried the cargoes to Saint John.

Mix Their Own

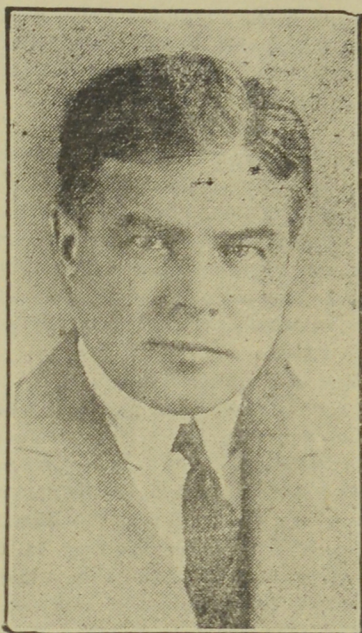
Reports presented at the annual meeting yesterday showed the extent to which the practice of home mixing of fertilizer chemicals is followed by farmers in New Brunswick and also the expansion of the business of the organization during the past three years since the present Secretary-Manager, A. H. H. Margison, of East Centreville and board of directors have been in charge.

During the past year 85 Agricultural Societies bought the chemicals for individual members to mix their own fertilizers while only 17 purchasers took complete mixed fertilizers; the large tonnage of chemicals sold in comparison with the small amount of ready mixed fertilizers is further evidence of the large extent to which home mixing of fertilizers is now carried on in this Province. The operations of New Brunswick Agricultural Societies United are carried in under the auspices of the Provincial Department of Agriculture and the saving effected for the farmers of the Province by this co-operative purchasing and home mixing represents many thousands of dollars annually.

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special train was switched to the Gibson branch and left at eleven o'clock for Woodstock. From there a run will be made to McAdam and then to St.



MR. E. W. BEATTY, K. C.,

President of the C. P. R.

Stephen and St. Andrews. The party will leave McAdam for Montreal some time this evening.

A discussion on the advisability of making carload quotations based on freight rates to various zones closed with the passage of a resolution that this matter would be left with a community authorized to make adjustments in the present system.

The officers elected for the year were:

President, Frank Titus, Andover; Vice President, R. J. Huggard, Norton; Secretary Treasurer, A. A. H. Margison, East Centreville; Directors, F. H. Fowler, Chipman; Claude McCain, Florenceville; W. B. Gilman, Fredericton; Fred Sadler, Plaster Rock.

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