

CANADIAN FRUIT CROP.

Conditions Favorable for a Good Yield in Most Lines

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FRUIT DIVISION

Ottawa, July 31, 1908.

Weather conditions in Canada have been favorable during the month of July for the fruit industry. Apples are estimated somewhat lower for July than for June. Early and late apples are estimated as slightly above medium. Winter apples at less than a medium crop. Quality good.

Pears are reported a light crop, except in British Columbia and Southern Ontario, where a medium crop is expected.

Early peaches are reported a full crop.

Late peaches are reported light to medium.

Cherries have proved a medium crop and have sold at fair prices.

Plums are reported light generally.

In British Columbia certain sections report a medium crop. In the Georgian Bay district, three or four varieties promise well.

Grapes are reported a full crop. Strawberries and Raspberries have been reduced by dry weather, but the average has been very good.

Small fruits, other than the above, are yielding or promise a full crop.

Tomatoes are a medium crop, opening early.

Insects and Fungous diseases are not so prevalent as usual.

The United States report prospects for a medium crop of apples, evenly distributed in season and territory.

Peaches are a full crop. Other fruits good.

Great Britain has prospects for a medium crop of apples, other fruits being good.

A. McNEILL,
Chief Fruit Division.

NO "DRUMMING OUT."

The Degradation of British Soldiers Must Cease.

The old custom of "marching out" of the regiment is obsolete in the British army, said Mr. Haldane in the House of Commons. Mr. Keir Hardie asked him, "Whether his attention has been drawn to the degradation for alleged insubordination of Private James Rennie of the A Squadron of the Fifth and Forth Imperial Yeomanry at their annual training camp at Aonsmuir, Ladybank on June 27, whether Rennie was taken under escort to the centre of the square and informed that he had been sentenced to be drummed out of the regiment, and was therefore deprived of his cap and had the buttons and decorations cut from his tunic and was thereafter marched outside the camp; what was the offence for which this punishment was inflicted and what opportunity had Rennie for defending himself, and what regulations authorize this form of punishment without trial?"

Mr. Haldane replied that the circumstances as detailed in the question were substantially accurate.

"The offence was disobedience of orders to his troop officer," he added. "It was quite right for the man to be dismissed. But," said Mr. Haldane, sternly, amid the evident approval of the House, "the procedure adopted by the commanding officer in dismissing the man was highly improper, and he has been so informed by the Army Council. This method of public marching out is obsolete in the British army."

DO YOU FEEL FLAT?

Brace up--Get Strong--Get Fat--the Cure is Simple

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Make your blood nutritious and you'll have lots of strength.

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The Awakening.

Love is the sparkling wine of life. The spirit of joy and laughter. Also, the gentle youth soon learns Marriage is the morning after! —Browning's Magazine.

All Doubt Set at Rest.

Finegan—And was you th' best man at Muldoon's wedding, Casey? Casey (with both eyes blacked)—Naw. I only thought I was.—Lippincott's Magazine.

Ever Try It?

"Whatever else it may do, wearing a plug hat won't give a man horse sense," remarked the observer of events and things.—Yonkers Statesman.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned, marked on the envelope "Tender for Construction," will be received at the office of the Commissioners of the Transcontinental Railway, at Ottawa, until twelve o'clock noon of Thursday, the 20th day of August, 1908, for the work required for the construction, in accordance with the plans, profiles and specifications of the Commissioners, of the following sections of the Transcontinental Railway, viz:—

(1) District 'C'—From a point designated on the plans of the Commissioners near Weymontachene, in the province of Quebec, 196.38 miles west of the north abutment of the Quebec bridge, (such a point being on the boundary between Districts 'C' and 'D') westerly to a distance of about 107 miles. Date of completion, 31st December, 1910.

(2) District 'C'—From a point designated on the plans of the Commissioners, about 107 miles west of Weymontachene, in the Province of Quebec, westerly to the end of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company's contract, a distance of about 114.97 miles. Date of completion, 31st December, 1910.

(3) Districts 'D' and 'E'—From a point designated on the plans of the Commissioners, at the western end of Paquetier Bros.' Abitibi contract, in the Province of Ontario, in westerly direction for a distance of about 104.24 miles. Date of completion, 31st December, 1910.

(4) District 'E'—From a point designated on the plans of the Commissioners, about sixty miles west of the easterly boundary of District 'E' in the Province of Ontario, easterly to the end of Paquetier Bros. contract, north of Lake Nepigon, a distance of about 100 miles. Date of completion, 31st December, 1910.

(5) District 'E' and 'F'—From a point designated on the plans of the Commissioners, at the western end of Paquetier Bros. contract, north of Lake Nepigon, in the Province of Ontario, westerly to a point at or near Dog Lake, a distance of about 126 miles. Date of completion, 1st September, 1910.

(6) District 'F'—From a point designated on the plans of the Commissioners at or near Dog Lake, in Province of Ontario, to a point at or about mile 2.6 west of what is known as the Peninsula Crossing, by alternative routes as shown on the plans, a distance of about 23.76 miles by the northerly route, and 21.13 miles by the southerly route, the selection of the route to be at the option of the Commissioners. Date of completion, 1st September, 1909.

Plans, profiles and specifications may be seen in the office of the Chief Engineer of the Commissioners at Ottawa; also in the offices of the following District Engineers, viz: John Aylen, Acting District Engineer North Bay, Ont.; T. S. Armstrong, Nepigon, Ont.; and S. R. Poulin, St. Boniface, Man.

Persons tendering are notified that tenders will not be considered unless made in duplicate, and on the printed forms supplied by the Commissioners. A separate tender must be submitted for each section.

Tenders shall not be in any way entitled to rely upon the classification, or any other information given by any person on behalf of the Commissioners; and before submitting any tender, bidders should make a careful examination of the plans, profiles, drawings and specifications, and read the forms to be executed, and fully inform themselves as to the quantity and quality of materials, and character of workmanship required; and are understood to accept, and agree to be bound by, the terms and conditions in the form of contract, specifications, &c., annexed to the form of tender.

Each tender must be signed and sealed by all the parties to the tender, and witnessed, and be accompanied by an accepted cheque on a chartered bank of the Dominion of Canada, payable to the order of the Commissioners of the Transcontinental Railway, as follows:—

For Sec. No. 1, District 'C' \$150,000
" 2, " " 150,000
For Sec. No. 3, District 'D' & 'E' 150,000
For Sec. No. 4, District 'E' 150,000
For Sec. No. 5, District 'E' & 'F' 200,000
For Sec. No. 6, District 'F' 100,000
" " 150,000

Any person whose tender is accepted shall within ten days after the acceptance thereof furnish such additional approved security as may be required by the Commissioners; sign the contract, specifications and other documents required to be signed by said Commissioners; and in any case, of refusal or failure on the part of the party whose tender is accepted to complete and execute a contract with the said Commissioners, and to furnish the additional approved security within ten days after the acceptance of the tender, the said cheque shall be forfeited to the Commissioners as liquidated damages for such refusal or failure and all contract rights acquired by the acceptance of the tender shall be forfeited. The cheques deposited by parties whose tenders are accepted will be deposited to the credit of the Receiver General of Canada as part of the security for the due and faithful performance of the contract according to its terms. Cheques deposited by parties whose tenders are rejected will be returned within ten days after the signing of the contract.

Attention is called to the following clauses in the form of contract:—
"All mechanics, labourers, or other persons who perform labour for the purposes of the construction of the works hereby contracted for, shall be paid such wages as are generally accepted as current for competent workmen in the district in which the work is being performed, and if there is no current rate in such district, then a fair and reasonable rate; and in the event of a dispute arising as to what is the current or a fair and reasonable rate, it shall be determined by the Commissioners, whose decision shall be final."

This agreement is subject to the regulations now in force, or which may at any time hereafter be in force during the construction of the works hereby contracted for, made under the authority of the Department of Labor, and which are, or shall be, applicable to such works. (The schedule of minimum wages determined upon by said Department will form part of the contract.)

The contractor shall in connection with the whole of the said work, as far as practicable, use only material machinery, plant, supplies and rolling stock manufactured or produced in Canada, provided the same can be obtained as cheaply and upon as good terms, in Canada as elsewhere, having regard to quality and price.

The contractor shall conform to the fire regulations adopted by the Commissioners and also to the laws and regulations respecting fires in the different provinces wherein the work is being performed.

The right is reserved to reject any or all tenders.

By order,
P. E. RYAN,
Secretary.

The Commissioners of the Transcontinental Railway,
Ottawa, 18th July, 1908.

Newspapers inserting this advertisement without authority from the Commissioners will not be paid for it.
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We have in stock a good variety of Heintzman & Co.'s celebrated Pianos; Bell Piano Co.'s high grade Pianos; Gourley's fine art Pianos; in Organs such reliable makes as Bell's, Karn's, Sherlock Manning and others.

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Great Wash Goods Sale

2500 yards of Prints at 6c, worth 8c, 1600 yards of Prints at 8c, worth 10c, 1450 yards of Prints at 10c, worth 14c. All Dress Muslins at 8 1/2c and 11c a yard worth 25 per cent more.

Ladies' Dress Skirts

\$3.00 Dress Skirts to clear at \$2.00, \$4.50 Dress Skirts to clear at \$2.90, \$2.00 Dress Skirts to clear at \$3.50, \$3.00 White Skirts to clear at \$1.40, \$1.50 White Lawn Waists to clear at 68c, \$1.00 White Lawn Waists to clear at 48c, \$2.50 White Lawn Waists 98c

Great Sale of Boys Clothing

Now is the time to dress the boys up

Boys 2 Piece Suits at \$1.50 Reg. \$2.50	
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Boys odd Pants 40, 48 and 68c a pair	
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MEN'S SUMMER SUITS

This week we want to sell out a lot of mens odd Suits.

Regular \$10.00 Suits to clear at \$6.50	
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WORSE THAN HISSING.

Stone Throwing Was a Habit in Theaters of Ancient Greece.

Getting the bird, writes a correspondent, need not always prove a source of woe to the unfortunate actor, for there are still some nations that express their applause by hissing. The Basutos, for instance, and the natives of the New Hebrides employ this method of expressing their admiration. Even among ourselves any interruption of the actor who grips our attention is quelled with the hissing "Hush!" which is intended to silence the interrupter and show our admiration for the interrupted.

On the whole, authors and actors of today have reason to congratulate themselves upon the disuse of many of the ancient Greek methods of showing dissatisfaction in the theater. The worst that a playwright must reckon with now is an ironical cry of "Author!" followed by a booming demonstration. But it is on record that the Athenian audience at least once forcibly ejected an unsuccessful comic poet from the theater. The pelting of bad actors with vegetables and questionable eggs is rare now even in the remotest provinces. But the Athenians did not draw the line at figs and olives as missiles. Aeschines was said nearly to have been stoned to death during his stage career, and there is a story of a second rate musician who borrowed a quantity of stone from a friend to build a house with, promising to repay the loan with the stones collected at his next performance.—London Chronicle.

Pith and Point.

Occasionally the wisest owl hoots at the wrong time.

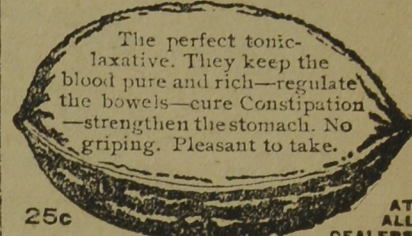
A man's temper is like a fly. It is full grown the moment it appears.

The excuse of every man who does not mind his own business is that he is trying to do good.

How would you like to be a paper-hanger and be closely associated with housecleaning nearly every day?

Don't forget that the neighbors watch you. If you don't behave, they know it. And they tell it down town and everywhere else.—Acheson Globe.

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Alpha and Omega.
If you would make your money last
In strict economy be versed,
And even then you stand aghast
To think you've got to make it first! —Puck.

Strenuous.
Bacon—How does your wife get on with her horseback lessons?
Egbert (whose wife weighs 190)—Has three men to put her on.—Yonkers Statesman.

The Maid's Lament.
If he only wouldn't send me roses
Each day, the stupid thing,
In a few weeks at present prices
He'd save enough to buy a ring.
—Detroit Tribune.

Proof.
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"Yes. They have advertised their yacht for sale."—Chicago Record-Herald.

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