

of the varieties and values of fruit trees, bushes and plants sold by nurserymen in Canada. Table 33, following, shows the estimated production and value of commercial fruits in Canada for each of the four years 1921-1924.¹

33.—Estimated Production and Value of Commercial Fruits in Canada, 1921-1924.

Years.	Total quantity.	Average price.	Total value.	Years.	Total quantity.	Average price.	Total value.
	brl.	\$	\$		qt.	\$	\$
Apples—				Strawberries—			
1921.....	5,367,700	6-67	35,821,090	1921.....	10,149,000	0-16	1,622,960
1922.....	5,048,405	4-90	24,692,182	1922.....	8,678,200	0-18	1,526,050
1923.....	4,493,183	5-45	24,489,350	1923.....	8,652,200	0-17	1,513,230
1924.....	3,247,270	5-78	18,777,667	1924.....	6,532,000	0-21	1,398,910
Pears—	bush.			Raspberries—			
1921.....	435,968	2-58	1,124,162	1921.....	7,522,950	0-15	1,123,001
1922.....	461,227	1-45	668,854	1922.....	6,271,725	0-18	1,159,287
1923.....	227,335	2-42	550,587	1923.....	4,496,840	0-23	1,044,001
1924.....	196,809	2-40	471,924	1924.....	2,000,450	0-20	401,012
Plums and Prunes—				Other Berries—			
1921.....	575,575	1-47	844,412	1921.....	2,931,790	0-17	489,062
1922.....	408,438	1-28	522,393	1922.....	2,837,549	0-15	428,757
1923.....	348,482	2-00	696,964	1923.....	2,527,700	0-20	494,691
1924.....	238,978	2-11	504,460	1924.....	2,532,000	0-19	500,020
Peaches—					lb.		
1921.....	366,715	2-30	844,936	Grapes—			
1922.....	577,561	1-56	904,325	1921.....	46,872,308	0-05	2,812,338
1923.....	403,660	2-27	916,050	1922.....	70,308,462	0-05	3,515,423
1924.....	154,384	2-62	404,663	1923.....	42,185,077	0-06	2,742,030
Cherries—				1924.....	24,500,000	0-06	1,470,000
1921.....	211,210	2-75	580,827				
1922.....	202,740	2-38	481,850				
1923.....	203,125	3-56	722,440				
1924.....	100,340	3-36	337,775				

Tree Nursery Industry.—The first Canadian commercial nursery was established near Fonthill, Ont., in 1837, and was followed within five years by the establishment of a nursery by a Rochester, N.Y., firm in Toronto. Since that time the industry has steadily spread as the country has developed, until to-day there are approximately 170 firms growing or dealing in nursery stock of all kinds, including fruit trees. Canadian nurserymen have made great advancement in the type and hardiness of stock used for grafting and budding purposes, greatly enhancing the resistance of the trees against winter injury, an important factor in Canadian orcharding. The great problem of mixing varieties has been solved by the recent investigations carried out by the Dominion Experimental Stations, which have led to a system of identifying the different varieties in the nursery row. Identification of the varieties of apples has proved possible of accomplishment by any person after a few months' study of the varietal characteristics, while other fruits under study, such as peaches and pears, are proving equally easy to identify.

¹ Reports of fruit production have been published in pamphlet form by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics in 1922, 1924 and 1925. The first report for the year 1919 was published in the Monthly Bulletin of Agricultural Statistics, Aug., 1920, pp. 211-222.