you in the matter of fact. The inspection for Ontario last winter included the systematic visiting of every packing house in Ontario; the chief work lying between Hamilton and Belleville east and west, and north to the Georgian Bay. This distance is about 180 miles east and west by 100 north and south.

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the inception of the Fruit Marks Act, there still remained a much larger force for the quantity of apples to be examined than during the active fruit season, and one was specially detailed to look after the packing houses west of Toronto. With the exception of some irregularities caused by illness, the original plan of visiting all the packing houses systematically was carried out to the end of the shipping season. The questions of policy to which you refer may well be discussed at another opportunity.—A. McNeill, Chief, Fruit Division, Ottawa.



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