

can gather more exact information than by travelling in a body.

Answering some of these objections in the weekly report of the Department of Trade and Commerce for May 16, W. A. Mackinnon, the commercial agent at Birmingham, says: "Two points should be made clear: First, that the invitation from the National Federation of Fruit Growers does not limit their Canadian friends to any particular time or season, but makes them welcome at their convenience; and second, that even if an organized body visits the docks and fruit markets as suggested (for which purpose the months from October to March would be best), there is no reason why the

party should not frequently break up, and its members make individual visits for the purpose of securing personal information from quiet observation. The advantages to be obtained by the association of fruit growers together during the familiar intercourse of an ocean voyage, as also from the social and other functions sure to be arranged in honor of such a party, need not be dwelt upon, as they are quite apparent.

"Finally, without deprecating the value of an official delegation entrusted with a definite mission, and instructed to issue a formal report after their investigations, it should be remarked that such was not the plan originally suggested by this office. On

the contrary, it was hoped that there would be an informal excursion of a large number of well-to-do fruit growers of Canada, organized as it were spontaneously, though carried out systematically, and forming an ideal holiday in which pleasure, profit and actual business might take equal shares. Canadian manufacturers realized this ideal some years ago, and it is still thought that the fruit growers might be no less successful.

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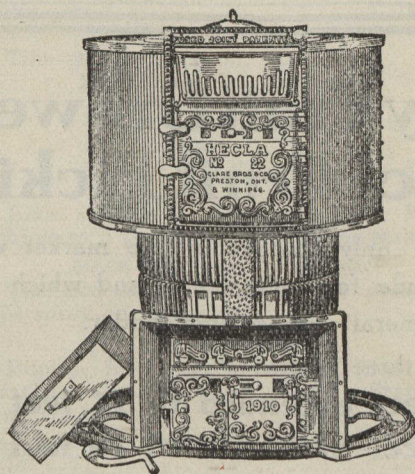
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