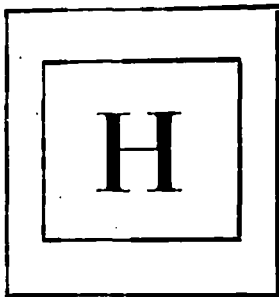


First Canadian National Apple Show



HAD British Columbia, with its fabulous mineral wealth, its mighty forests and its fisheries of richness unsurpassed, held a national exhibit of the products of these things, it would have surprised no one. On the commercial value of these assets British Columbia has built its reputation. The knowledge of its possibilities has been hammered into the spot-light of public attention by the sheer weight of incontrovertible fact. British Columbia, comparatively speaking, barely entering the commercial arena, has gripped hold of the trade markets of the world, because of the potential mightiness wrapped within her borders.

All these things the outside world has known. To those who have recognized the voice of opportunity belong the big rewards. What the outside has not known, and what has been thrust home by Vancouver's National Apple Show, is the fact, that, even in the vaunted field of agriculture, British Columbia is already a powerful rival of the east. In its "rocky confines" of nearly four hundred thousand square miles have been found arable tracts roughly estimated at nearly seventy million acres of land, capable of producing merchantable commodities. Among these are listed apples, pears, plums, cherries and various other small fruits of very fine quality, beside high class grains. Professor Macoun states that British Columbia, south of the fifty-second

degree and east of the Coast range, is a grazing country up to three thousand five hundred feet, and a farming country up to two thousand five hundred feet where irrigation is possible.

British Columbia has a long prize list gained in competition with the world's famous orchards. In the list of her triumphs are numbered Winnipeg, Toronto, Saskatoon, Regina, London, Can.; Spokane, U. S.; Westminster, Norwich, Gravesend, Islington, Southampton, London, Liverpool, Bristol, England, and Aberdeen, Scotland.

This was the first national apple show in Canada. The honor accruing to its conception and successful execution belongs, not to the provinces reputedly important in fruit growing, but to British Columbia. In this lies the real significance of the event. The province which has long been considered a place of rocks and trees growing on slopes too steep for cultivation has been the first to hold an apple show of national proportions. The gauntlet was thrown down for Canada or the world to pick up. The result found every province in the Dominion represented, and states across the line sent many competitors. Even far Tasmania found its way to Canada's First National Apple Show.

A national show it was. National in its proportions, national in spirit, national in significance. Its place in the agricultural history of this province is unique. It represents the triumph of achievement. It is a definite repudiation of the charge that British Columbia is incapable of agricultural production.

Not without labor were these results