

DISPLACING UNITED STATES APPLES.

Says the Fruitgrower of February 11, 1904: "The United States Consul in Edinburgh records the fact that Canadian apple imports are gaining a very strong position in the Scotch markets. Mr. Fleming states that the system of inspection adopted in Canada and subsequently renewed at the British ports has served as a guarantee to the buyers of Canadian fruit, and has in this way proved useful both to seller and purchaser."

FRUIT PACKING CO. AT OAKVILLE.

At a meeting held in Oakville recently the matter of establishing a packing house was discussed. A. W. Peart, of Burlington, told how the apples from his district were shipped by the local association to England. Returns were most satisfactory, a number of good Old Country dealers bidding for their fruit. Special care was taken in grading and packing and each package was stamped with a private mark. Mr. Peart advocated co-operation in spraying. One man could secure an outfit and do the spraying for the neighborhood. Mr. Dawson, of Toronto, spoke of a company being formed that would erect central packing stations in all fruit districts. Boxes would be given the growers. When these were filled with all grades of apples they would be taken to the packing house, the apples graded, carefully packed and marked and sold in one lot if possible.

NOVA SCOTIA FRUIT COMPLIMENTED.

The following is a copy of the letter accompanying the medal presented by the Crystal Palace Co., of London, Eng., to the Nova Scotia Government for the display of Nova Scotia fruit to be seen at the Crystal Palace during the fall and early winter. It was addressed to J. Howard, Esq., agent general for Nova Scotia.

Dear Sir: You will be interested to learn that my directors have decided to mark their sense of the very excellent and attractive exhibit of Nova Scotia fruit which was held in the Canadian Court at the Crystal Palace during the months of November, December and January, by presenting a special commemorative medal to the Nova Scotia Government, who, we understand, in conjunction with the Fruit Growers' Association of Nova Scotia, were responsible for the display.

I am directed therefore to forward this medal to you as the representative of Nova Scotia in London and to ask you to be good enough to transmit it to the proper quarter.

There is no question that such periodical special exhibits do much to maintain a lively interest in the Canadian Court, and my directors are sanguine that the other colonies will follow Canada's practical example in utilizing the undoubted educational and commercial advantages which the Crystal Palace offers, for promoting the interests of our Colonial Empire

among the 2,000,000 visitors who come from every part of the United Kingdom and of the world. Yours faithfully,

J. H. COZENS, Secretary.

This exhibit for which this medal was awarded was the 128 cases condemned by Hamilton and others in the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa as unfit for exhibition purposes. The above is a clear verdict in favor of those who forwarded the exhibit.

LISTS OF SHIPMENTS.

Mr. Thomas E. Davis, inspector at London for the Department of Agriculture, reports that consignees in Britain complain that senders of Canadian produce do not forward lists of shipments, thereby causing great inconvenience. This is a matter which shippers should carefully attend to.

CHATHAM FRUIT GROWERS ADOPT POWER SPRAYING.

Secretary-Treasurer W. D. A. Ross, of the Chatham Fruit Growers' Association, writes the Fruit Division, Ottawa, that his association has purchased a power spraying outfit for the use of the members, and asks that Mr. J. C. Harris, who had charge of the government sprayer used in the illustration work in the Ingersoll district last year, be sent to start their machine. Mr. Harris recently gave the Chatham growers a talk on spraying, with which they were very much pleased. A good many of the members were only giving the power spraying project half-hearted support previous to his visit, but now they are all anxious to go ahead with the scheme according to the most improved methods. The association is also talking of putting up a packing house and evaporator, but are hesitating on account of the prevalence of the San Jose scale, which though confined to a limited area is gradually spreading in the district.

A FRUIT MARKS BILL IN NEW YORK.

If imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, Canada may well take it as a compliment that Senator Hill has lately introduced in the Senate of the State of New York a bill very much like the Dominion Fruit Marks Act. There is an additional clause in the New York bill requiring packages to be marked with the name of the place where the fruit was grown, but this clause is strongly opposed by the trade, who maintain that a large operator who repacks fruit brought into his storehouse by the carload, and coming from forty or fifty different shippers, could not possibly comply with such stipulations. In regard to the bill the New York Fruitman's Guide says: "It conflicts with the interstate commerce law that forbids the passage of an act that hinders commerce between various states. Why Canada's law is a success is because it is a national law, but until such a law is passed in the United States the merchants in such States in which such a law obtains are at a disadvantage with the merchants of other States