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plaints should be made known to the inspector. After all the discussion and work in the national council of fruit growers last March, and all the agitation during all these years for one barrel for Canada, it appears that no action is to be taken on the resolution that was passed by that representative body, asking that the 96 qt. bbl. be made the standard and only barrel for the whole Dominion. No other question, as the minister knows, exhausted to such an extent the time and ingenuity of the conference, and no more unanimous finding ultimately was made than upon this question. It is too bad, then, for any selfish interest to frustrate the enactment of law upon this matter, but if Hansard is to be believed, something of the sort has already intervened.

On Dec. 14 last, Alex. Martin, M.P. for P.F.I., rose in his place in parliament and put this pertinent query to the minister: "Is it the intention of the Government to bring in legislation to carry out the resolution, passed at the Dominion horticultural council last March with regard to the legal barrel? If so, when and how? If not, why not?" To this, the minister promptly replied: "It is not the present intention of the Government to give effect by legislation to the resolution as the Government has found that those engaged in the fruit industry have diverse opinions on this subject."

In the name of common sense, why gather representative fruit men together from ocean to ocean and ask them to reach a conclusion on the matter, and to reconcile their diverse opinions, and then refuse to take the conclusion that they reached with such unanimity? When will diverse views be more closely knit in any one decision than they were at the conference on this question of a uniform barrel? When will the country be better served by unanimity in its measure than at present?

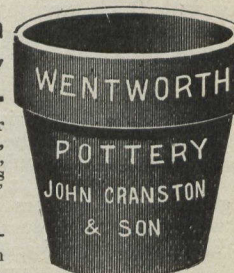
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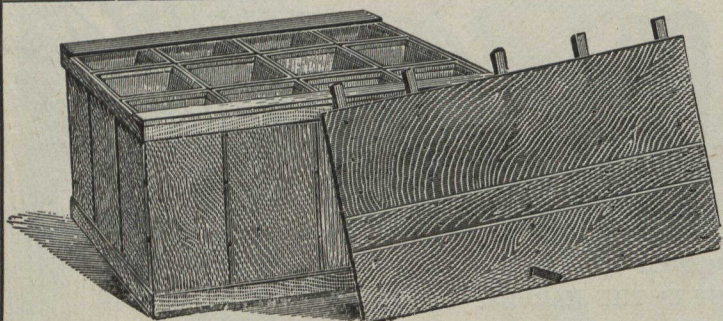
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