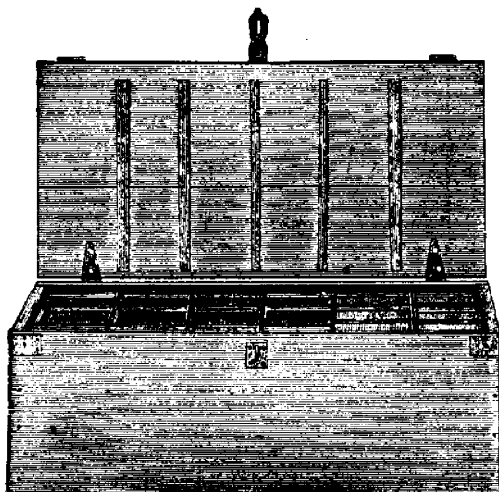


quarts, for packing their small fruits for shipping. It served an excellent



54-QUART BERRY CRATE.

purpose, and was very popular. But there was a difficulty in getting them promptly returned, and often many of them would go astray. It was also a great deal of trouble to the fruit merchant to collect from his customers the quart baskets, so as to return them safely to the shipper, as he was in duty bound to do. The careful packer, too, found that after two or three trips the wooden crate became much racked, and the baskets inside so soiled as to detract very much from the appearance of the fruit.

The plan of using

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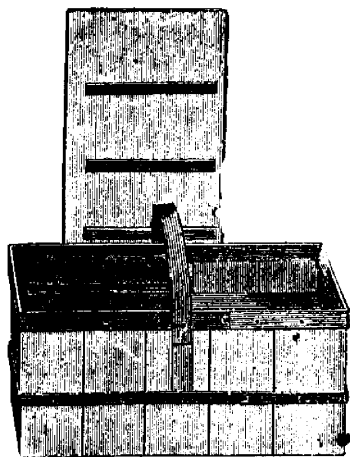
made possible during the past two or three years by the introduction of new machinery into our basket factories, has grown more and more popular in Canada.

First the little baskets were offered cheap enough to be given away with the fruit, and now the crate itself is offered in the same way.

To a Grimsby fruit-grower belongs the honor of devising a basket-crate, which is rapidly superceding every other package for small fruits, and which is now being manufactured by Mr. W. B. Chisholm, of Oakville, as well as at Grimsby.

This basket-crate holds twenty-four quart baskets, and is now offered for sale at so reasonable a price that it may be given away with the fruit. This greatly facilitates trade, and the distribution of small fruits to distant points all over our Province.

Another advantage of this crate is its handle. Express messengers are not always careful, and a heavy box gets many a toss, or fall, which a lighter crate would naturally escape, especially if it is provided with a handle. The cover of the basket-crate



24-QUART SHIPPING BERRY BASKET.

is usually fastened on with a piece of wire or tin drawn over it near each end; but if a more secure way could be planned of fastening the cover to hold the fruit more snugly, so that it could