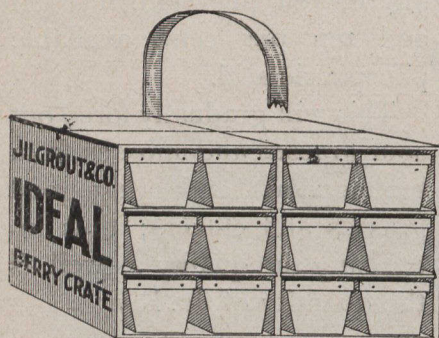


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and left the society very much embarrassed. It is hoped that the efforts this time will be crowned with success.

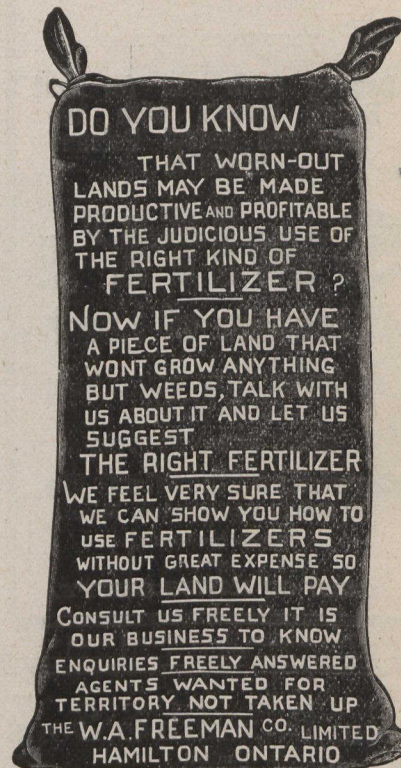
Probably the highest prices ever paid for California cherries were realized in Philadelphia, April 22, at a local commission merchant's establishment, where a box of fruit was sold at auction for \$2,440, the funds to be devoted in aid of the earthquake sufferers in California. Each cherry was offered for sale singly, the first one selling for \$105, and the others for amounts ranging from \$100 down to 50 cts.

The revised copy of the report of the recent Dominion fruit conference recently held in Ottawa, is in the hands of the printer and will soon be ready for distribution. Copies may be had by writing to the Fruit Division, Dept. of Agri., Ottawa.

Mr. A. McMeans, of Brantford, vice-pres. of the Ont. Veg. Growers' Assn., assisted by some of the members of Parliament from the leading vegetable growing sections, had an interview with the Minister of Customs last month, regarding having an appraiser appointed to appraise the value of vegetables shipped to Canada from the U.S. Vegetables are often imported at ridiculously low valuations, and it is felt something should be done to protect Canadian vegetable growers. The interview lasted over an hour, and while little hope was held out that such an official would be appointed, it was intimated that it is the Government's intention to have a specific tariff in the near future which will be even more satisfactory to the growers.

Two more fruit dealers have been prosecuted recently under the Fruit Marks Act. They are Geo. Vipond, a Montreal merchant, who was convicted of violating Section VI, and was fined 25 cts. a package for all incorrectly stamped, and G. A. Allseybrook, of Burford, Ont., who was convicted April 14 for fraudulent packing, and was assessed \$1 per bbl.

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