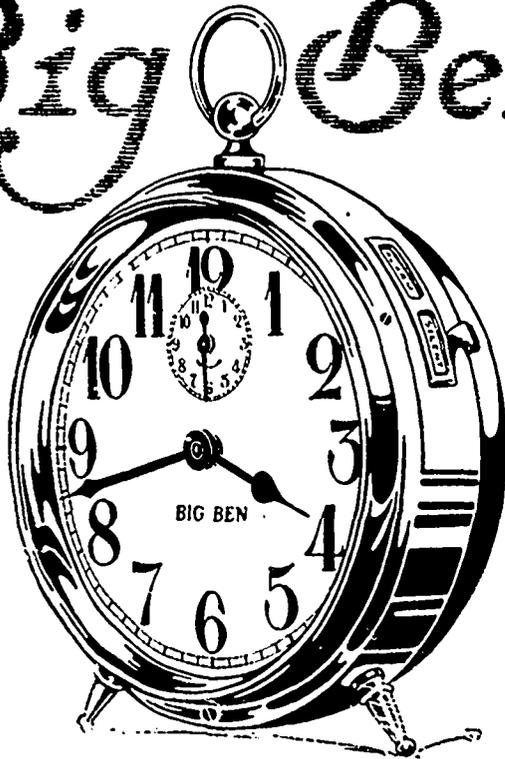


Big Ben



Big Ben ends the over-sleeping of Farm Hands

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Big Ben enables you to know the right time. When he wakes you he

does it at the time you want, the right time.

Then, cheap alarms may last a year but Big Ben actually lasts for years and years. He's built of steel. He's a handsome clock plus a punctual alarm. You can use him all day long in any room for he fits bed room, parlor, dining room or hall.

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sand dollars to build, can clear on thousand dollars a year profit.

Girls earn seventy-five cents a day in the warehouses at packing fruit. Apple grading machines worked by man power have been introduced, but probably gasoline engines will eventually be used.

The South African market has taken more boxed fruit than ever this year. Black Ben Davis seems popular with them.

Barrels are not so scarce as last year, and have sold for twenty-five or twenty-six cents. The Gravenstein apple crop was larger than was at first expected.

So far the weather has been cool, with few storms. The first heavy white frost finally destroyed corn and other tender plants on 9th October, which is later than usual. Potatoes are much cheaper this season, having dropped to thirty cents a bushel. Tomatoes ranged between thirty and fifty cents a basket. Crab apples ten cents a basket.

The British Apple Markets

Since my last report there has been a marked improvement in the market here. At the time of writing (Oct. 12) there is a very good demand for apples of good color and condition. With the home fruit crop disappearing there is a very reasonable hope of prices being maintained for good healthy fruit.

As is usual at this time of the year, buyers give special attention to color, and are always willing to pay "the price" for fruit of good appearance, which is the one thing lacking in most of the English fruit.

Amongst the Nova Scotian arrivals there has been a considerable quantity of "spotted fruit," for which very fair prices have been obtained, notwithstanding the doubtful condition of it. Its presence, however, has made buyers more keen on the better class stuff.

Shipments from Canada have been somewhat light, and with the exception of the "spotted" in the Nova Scotians, have arrived here in excellent condition. United States arrivals have varied a great deal as regards quality, in fact a good proportion could only be described as "medium." The prices have, however, been fairly good all round.

A number of "box" apples have been offered here, those from California meet with a rather poor reception, while those from Wenatchee fared even worse.

Quebec Fruit Growers' Convention

As reported in the October issue of The Canadian Horticulturist, the annual summer meeting of the Pomological and Fruit Growing Society of the Province of Quebec was held at St. Famille, Island of Orleans, Que., September 18 and 19. Prof. W. Lech head, of Macdonald College, Que., described methods of combatting insect life in the fall, his remarks being along the same lines as the articles by him that appeared in the last issue of The Canadian Horticulturist.

Mr. Henri Cloutier, superintendent of demonstration orchards, at Rougemont and district, read a paper dealing with pruning methods. He corrected the old idea that pruning was going against nature. He showed that pruning made the tree vigorous, healthy and fertile. Pruning carried on in a careless or an amateur manner would, he explained, be injurious. The question of how to cut was of great importance.

The establishment of an orchard was explained by Mr. Ben Richardson, of Macdon-

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