

and to grow other than the varieties of the locality is a risky speculation.

An interesting talk on "Growing Strawberries for the Canning Factory," was given by Mr. S. H. Rittenhouse, of Jordan Harbor. He stated that about 90 per cent. of the strawberries sent to canning factories in his district were of the Williams variety. Its advantage to the grower is that it is a fruit of good size, fair quality, good color except for its characteristic green tip; it is a heavy cropper and a good shipper; the canning man likes it because of its color and because the fruit will preserve without breaking up.

Mr. Rittenhouse estimated the cost of growing an acre of strawberries to amount to about \$50, which includes rent of land, manure, cultivation, and so on. From each strawberry patch he takes two crops. He follows a system of selection when choosing plants for new ground, the new ground having been thoroughly prepared some time previously. Mr. Rittenhouse considers that the secret of success in growing crops for the canning factory is to grow what they ask for, and only try to grow the best, then they will offer top prices. Combination among several growers to grow the same crop is also a sure way of attracting the best buyers to a locality.

An address upon the subject of "Judging Fruit," was given by Mr. Macoun. He deplored the lack of a general system of judging fruit in Ontario. The adoption of such a system would do away with much of the general dissatisfaction now met with in many small shows and exhibitions throughout the province. Such a system is now being arranged in the maritime provinces. Ontario fruit growers should write and appoint a committee of reliable men to draw up a system of judging, a score card, or some such guide as similar as possible to

that in the maritime provinces for conscience sake, and have it circulated widely throughout the province, so that all growers would know what was required of them at exhibitions. He also contended that apples from widely separated localities should not be entered in one class, even if of the same variety, the differences often being so great as to handicap exhibitors from certain sections. He contended each section ought to exhibit only those varieties most suited to it.

Mr. Macoun considered that only one judge should be called upon to judge any class of exhibits. All responsibility would then fall on him and him alone. If he were a capable and competent man, he would be able to explain the reason of any action he might have taken. Throughout this lecture many valuable hints were thrown out, which caused an interesting discussion.

Mr. H. S. Peart, of the Jordan Experiment Station, gave a most interesting and comprehensive talk upon the best methods of cultivation and general attention for young orchards. He gave much useful information about the methods adopted by growers in sections that he had visited.

A part of the proceedings is reported herewith. The other features will be mentioned in the next issue.

### Peach Trees on Plum Roots

A. M. Smith, St. Catharines, Ont.

The destruction of peach orchards for several years in the Essex peninsula by root freezing aroused the attention of planters to the necessity of providing some remedy or prevention for this loss. Cover crops and mulching were tried with some measure of success, but on account of the

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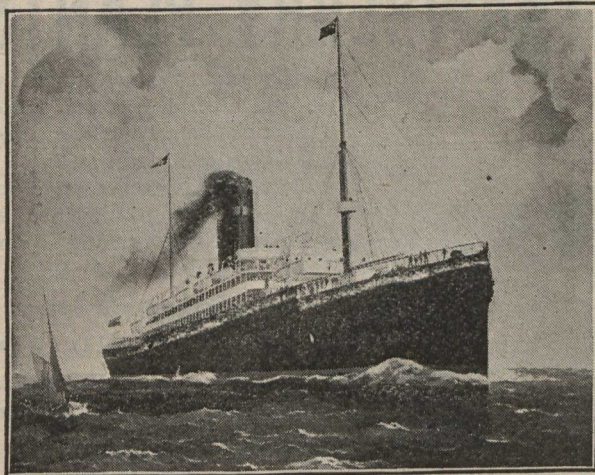
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