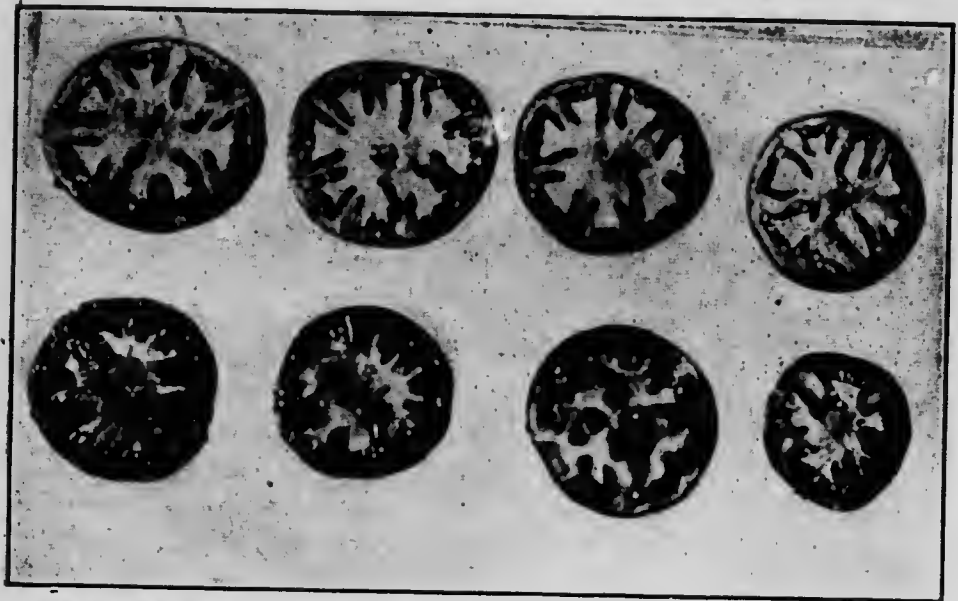


CONTROL OF THE SUPPLY: The majority of the factories retain the control of the seed, supplying the farmers at cost price. A few factories, however, leave the farmers to obtain their seed from whatever source they see fit, whilst still a few others grow their own plants and sell these to the contracting party. Some growers select their own seed.

SEED SELECTION: The advisability of the grower selecting his own seed is perhaps questionable. A. W. Livingstone and W. J. Green are decidedly against this practice, their chief reason being, that while the grower may be able to select as good seed as the professional seed grower, yet the amount of seed which he uses is so small that the expense he would incur in producing it himself would be much greater than if



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he were to buy the very best selected seed from reputed seed firms. Notwithstanding this opinion, I believe that more of the seed used in this country should be grown here, and that a standard and well carried out system of straight seed selection among farmers is highly desirable, and would materially increase the average yield and profit. The seed selection which is at present carried on to some extent is with very few exceptions far from what it should be. Some few growers will drive up to the canning factory and select for seed purposes individual tomatoes from the crates standing on the platform, without ever seeing the plants they were grown on. Others will select the smoothest, most uniform, and best ripened fruits in their fields without regard to the plants they