

of the mistakes of the older districts and realizes that in the great inland prairie provinces we have one of the best home markets in the world. Let the fruit growers of Canada confine their planting chiefly to a few well known commercial varieties of apples which have been proven to be a success in this country, bearing in mind that the market of today demands an apple with color, flavor and keeping qualities, practice clean cultivation, systematic spraying, the use of the most approved up-to-date packages, and grade and pack the fruit with the utmost care no matter what market it is going to.

The idea in some quarters that only apples for export should be handled with

take a train of 40 cars passing every 15 minutes, 24 hours in the day, and 365 days in the year to carry out the wheat."

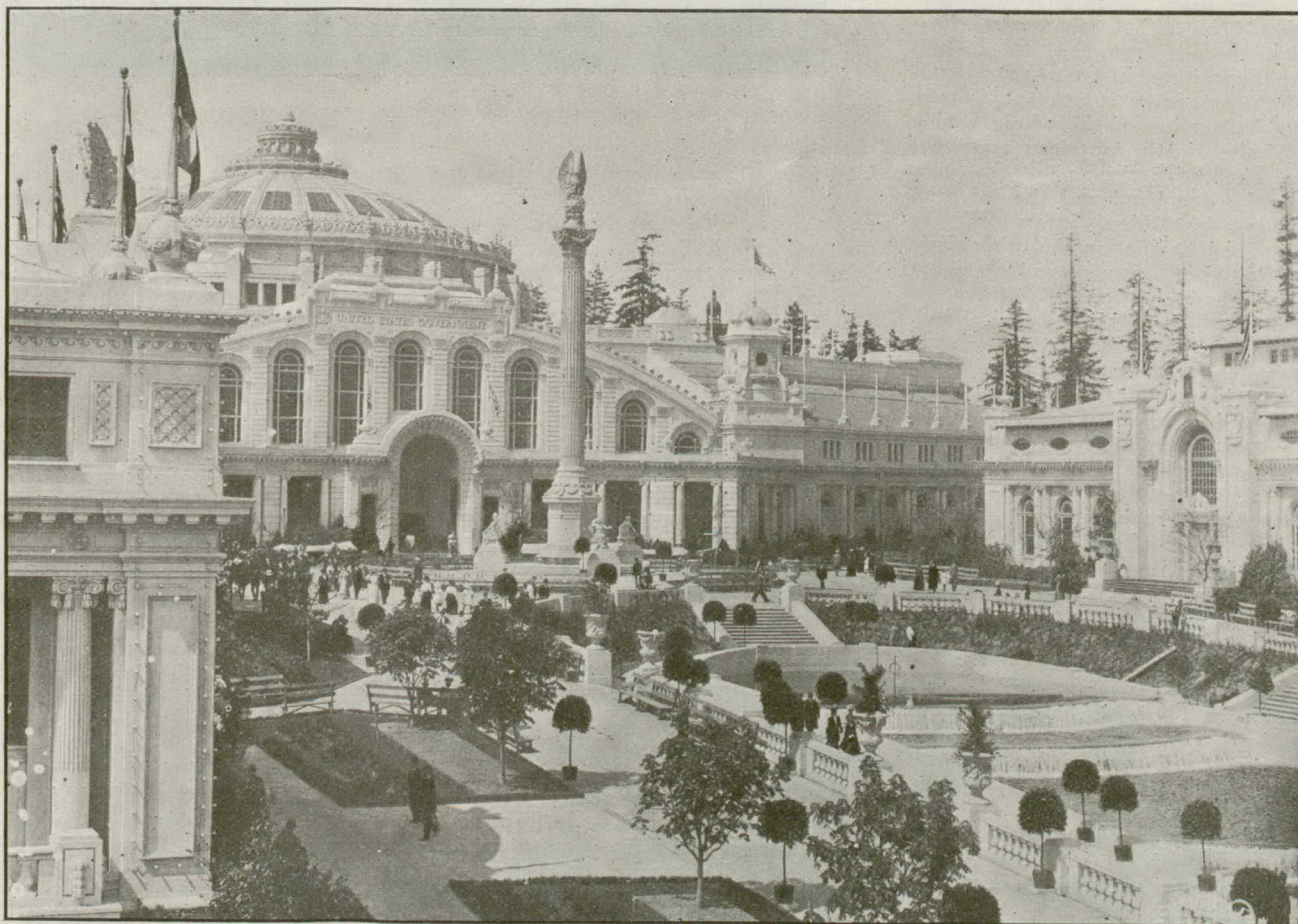
Even this calculation only includes the beginning of our prairie development and why worry about over production of good clean commercial fruit.

Some one has said that "agriculture is the basic science upon which rests the whole superstructure of every great nation and fruit growing is the poetry of agriculture."

The greatest danger that threatens Canada today is the tendency to build up large cities at the expense of the country. It is time that agriculture was given a more prominent place in the curriculum of the public schools, that the

TRANSPORTATION.

AFTER the fruit grower has developed a first class modern orchard, employed skilled packers to put up his goods and delivered the packages at the point of shipment, it remains for the transportation companies to land them at their destination within a reasonable time and in cars suitable for the purpose. By reports from the railway and express companies we understand that this part of the business has been fairly satisfactory this season, but we shall be glad to hear from the growers and dealers all over the Dominion on the subject and to learn their views, with any suggestions for practical improvement along the lines of transpor-



VIEW IN FRONT OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT BUILDING A-Y-P. EXPOSITION.

special care and put up in attractive modern packages is wrong. It is equally important to have the fruit grown in this country and appearing on our own markets first class in every particular. That which is not good enough for the British and foreign consumer is not good enough for the Canadian people.

As soon as Canada can supply a reasonable share of the fruit consumed in the four western provinces of the Dominion, the markets of New Zealand, Australia, Japan and China will be calling for more; but it must be the best.

The Rev. Dr. Grant, formerly of Vancouver, after careful calculation made the statement from a public platform that "if but one-sixth of the arable lands between the Great Lakes and the Rocky Mountains were in cultivation it would

sure foundations of our country's greatness may be strengthened and the moral and physical well-being of our people enhanced. "Back to the land," should be the watchword of the future.

There is more profit for the investment and more real pleasure in caring for bleating flocks, lowing herds and prancing steeds than in most of the precarious pursuits of commercial life, and the man who causes the rose to bloom in place of the thistle, and converts a desert sage brush waste into fields of waving yellow grain, or who causes a fruit tree to yield its increase where the primeval forest formerly held sway, has done more to fulfill the destiny for which he was created and has lived nearer to Nature's God than in filling most places in the artificial spheres of city life.

tation facilities. The conditions of the fruit trade in our prairie provinces as affecting producers in Eastern and Western Canada will receive some attention in the November number of The Fruit Magazine.

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TORONTO EXHIBITION.

SEVEN hundred and thirty-two thousand, five hundred and twenty people visited our National Exhibition in Toronto this year, an increase of 100,000 over last, which goes to prove that the best annual agriculture show in America is becoming better known and more popular every year. In the November number of The Fruit Magazine we shall give a fuller account of this exhibition and several half-tone illustrations.