awaken an increased interest in matters of this kind. Greater advances will be made during the next five years than have been during the past ten. Is it not strange that with all the fruit, flower, bee, poultry and other publications there is none devoted exclusively to the growing of vegetables?

Most of the provincial fruit growers' associations in Canada have committees at work preparing the programs for their annual conventions which will be held during November, December and January. Care should be taken to see that time is allowed for a discussion of the best method of bringing pressure to bear on the Minister of Agriculture to see that the chief of the Dominion fruit division, instead of being under the control of the dairy commissioner, is given full control of his department. The fruit interests of the Dominion are of sufficient importance to require a commissioner who shall be independent of the heads of any of the other branches of the government service.

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I did not have, as a rule, very much trouble securing boxes. Last year I got them from Burlington. They were 9 x 12 x 18, and ran four to the barrel, but I would rather use the larger box, that runs three to the barrel, which is the size adopted by the Fruit Growers' Association.

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