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year the berries were always shipped on the outgoing steamer and such shipments were never satisfactory, as the berries were never properly cooled before being placed in the refrigerator when they arrived at Kootenay Land-But last year a barge left Nelson at six o'clock in the evening, gathered berries along the lake all night, and they were then loaded into the refrigerator early in the morning when the berries were well cooled. All such shipments arrived on the prairie centers in fine condition, but as the acreage under berries is not yet very large the barge was run at a loss and as a consequence the express company threatened to discontinue it this year. growers felt that this would be disastrous and sufficient pressure appears to have been brought to bear upon the express company to continue the service for the present year at least, and they have so notified the fruit growers.

The result is that much more land is being set out to strawberries, for the growers feel that with a market and proper transportation facilities assured the business is going to be a paying one. And, although the barge may be run at a loss again this year, in all probability the acreage under berries will have so increased by another season that the barge service

will pay its way.

W. J. Brandrith, a well-known Coast fruit grower, has been advising the orchardists of the lower Okanagan Valley not to plant peach trees on the lower lands near the river and lake. He considers that apples and plums will do well on the lower lands, but suggests that peaches be left to the higher bench lands. He also considers that the lower lands should be underdrained, thereby getting rid of all the surplus water and hastening vegetation from two to five days. He points out also that the question of labor is a hard problem for the peach grower to Unlike the apple, the peach must be picked at a certain time-the next day may be too late. And he asks where are the pickers to come from to pick the hundreds of acres of peaches that give promise of the most bountiful

crop ever produced in the province.

Discussing varieties, as many questions had been put to him on that point, he gave it as his opinion that if he were planting an apple orchard in that section he would plant Wagener, Jonathan, Northern Spy and Salome. Further he would buy and plant homegrown trees

E. W. D.

INSTRUCTIONS IN BEEKEEPING—V

In pursuance of Mr Stroschein's discussion in recent numbers of The Farmer's Advocate, of the natural history of the honeybee, it will be of interest to present a resume of what claims to be the first detailed account of the "Dzierzon Theory" ever given in the English language. It is found in the first number of the first volume of The American Bec Journal, January,

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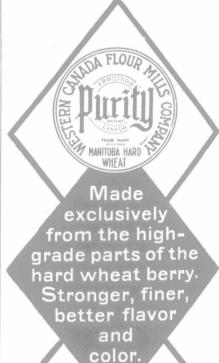
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