

The Prairie Market for Fruit

Fruit growers in Ontario, British Columbia and Nova Scotia are all alike interested in the capacity of the market in Western Canada for apples, and from time to time estimates of varying degrees of accuracy have been made of the total quantity received annually by the provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. Last summer the Dominion fruit inspectors assigned to these three provinces were instructed to take notes as to the quantity of apples shipped into their several districts, and make a report to this office at the end of the season. These reports have been compiled with the following results: The total quantity of apples marketed in these provinces for the season of 1912 was approximately 495,000 barrels, of which Ontario supplied 238,000, British Columbia 75,000, Nova Scotia 18,000 and the United States 164,000.

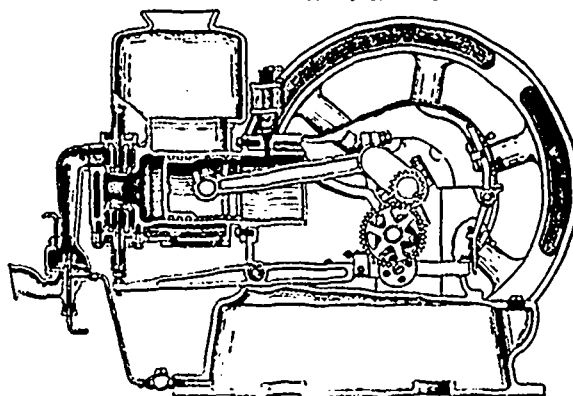
In addition to the prairie provinces there is a large and growing market in New Ontario which will afford an outlet for increasing quantities of Ontario apples. If we consider the present population of Fort William, Port Arthur, Sault Ste. Marie, North Bay, Sudbury, the Cobalt district, and similar sections, we shall find that 60,000 barrels is a conservative estimate for the quantity of apples marketed in this section during the past season. The proportion of the above total supplied by the United States would probably not exceed ten per cent.

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It has been my privilege for many years to inspect apples from various packages, harvested from one to twelve months, and to note their condition. During early May, while examining Golden Russets, Spy, Ben Davis, Gano and other varieties I found all the way from ten per cent. to fifty per cent. in number one barrels of these varieties in a rotten condition. I asked myself the question, Should these apples be so wasteful at this date, and what could be the cause? Upon taking up specimens after specimens of these varieties I could see, without the aid of a glass, that every rotten specimen had had an injury of some kind when placed in the barrel or box. These injuries caused probably all the trouble. They were due either to a puncture caused by handling, to a diseased spot or to an insect mark. These specimens were put in, some seen and others not seen, and I have put it to the credit of a little oversight or carelessness on the part of the manipulator.

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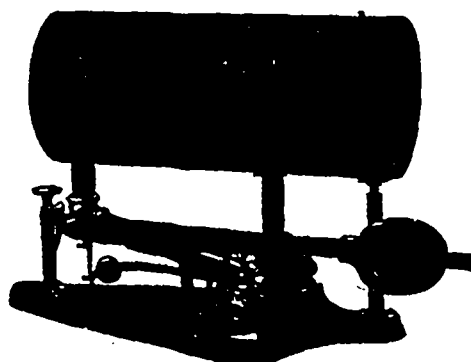
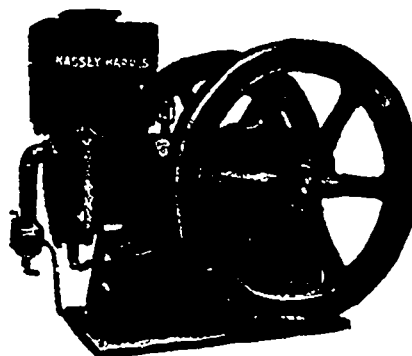
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