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Canadian Gardens

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were edged with English Box (Buxus sempervirens), reminding one of the old English gardens. Inside of the box edgings are narrow borders of hardy perennial plants, that give the garden an attractive appearance in summer. The north boundary of this garden was taken up with a long range of glass graperies and greenhouses. In the graperies have been grown about fifteen varieties of the luscious French hothouse The fruit from these vines has grapes. been much enjoyed by many prominent people, including His Majesty King George when, as Prince George, he paid a visit some years ago to Inglewood, whilst an officer on H. M. S. Canada. In the lobby of these vineries is a fine specimen of the Chinese Wistaria.

In the fruit orchards, several acres in extent, are planted the finest kinds of peaches, apples, pears and plums, as well as of small fruits. Possibly the first shipment of apples to China from Canada was made from these orchards, about five years ago. The conservatory attached to the residence deserves some notice. A fine collection of palms, cycas, banana and other plants occupied this building.

Much more might be written about these gardens and grounds with which the writer is so familiar, but space will not permit. What has been written is very largely of a reminiscent nature. In a few years, and perhaps in less time, what has been written will be subject matter of history only. These grounds have recently passed into the hands of a local syndicate. The stakes of the surveyors now seen here and there indicate very clearly that at least many of the points spoken of will soon have city residences erected on them. The graperies mentioned have already been removed preparatory to building operations. It is to be hoped that some portion of these grand old gardens and lawns will be preserved as history marks of the early pioneer days of this now rapid. . ly growing city.

British Columbia

A considerable reduction in British Columbia fruit rates has been made by the Canadian Pacific Railway as a result of conferences held last February in Omaha be-tween the executive of the British Columbia Fruit Growers' Association and W. B. Lanigan, assistant freight traffic manager of the road. Since that time some correspondence has taken place on the subject and the reductions are now announced. The reductions apply to fruit shipped to the prairie markets.

The next quarterly meeting of the British Columbia Fruit Growers' Union will be held at Kaslo, July 30, during the holding of the first annual cherry show at that point.

The Department of Agriculture this year had seven power sprayers at work in different parts of the province, and an expert with each, who taught not only spraying, but also pruning, thinning and the cultiva-tion of the soil as well. Difficulty was experienced in finding the right class of men to handle this work, but good results must As a result of their demonstrafollow. tions last year numerous power sprayers were purchased throughout the province and a carload went into the Okanagan country recently. When the department started the use of the power sprayer two years ago there were only two in the province.



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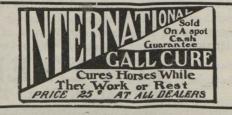
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