

**Niagara District, Ont.****Weary Worm, Winona**

The exceedingly favorable weather we have had this fall has enabled fruit growers to get far ahead with their work and consequently by this time (October 24th) all the fruit is pretty well picked, except a few late grapes, Kieffer pears and Winter apples.

The grape crop has turned out larger than expected, and has been of most excellent quality. Extraordinary fine bunches of Campbell's Early, Niagara, Red and Black Regers, and Brighton, have been produced.

That portion of the crop that was allowed to get ripe before being picked gave excellent satisfaction to consumers. Unfortunately only half the crop was handled in that way. The other half was picked before it was more than half ripe, and indeed, in some cases before it was fit for even a hog to eat.

Consequently, in the early portion of the season numerous complaints were received from consumers in Toronto and other places that grapes were very poor in quality this season. Of late, however, the reports have said how fine in quality they are. The moral is obvious, but no substantial improvement will be made till either the District is more united in its mode of distribution of the crop, or till a special penal clause be added to the Fruit Marks' Act, covering the green grape question, and thus enabling the inspectors to seize such shipments, which at present they are unable to do.

The price for the bulk of the grape crop, whilst much better than last year, has not been what it should have been. Growers have received less for their grapes than the situation warranted. A more united system of distribution would remedy this evil also. It is coming.

Mr. Dobson, of Jordan Harbor, sent a shipment of Early Crawford peaches—1,000 cases—to Covent Garden Market, London, England which arrived in capital condition. This shipment was packed and shipped under the superintendence of Mr. P. W. Hodgetts of the Department of Agriculture, Toronto. Another shipment left St. Catharines on Tuesday, the 13th September for Bristol, put up by the St. Catharines Cold Storage Co., under the superintendence of Messrs. W. W. Moore, Ottawa, and Dominion Inspector Carey. One left a little later for London, Liverpool and Glasgow and another went forward the next week, all from the St. Catharines Cold Storage Co.

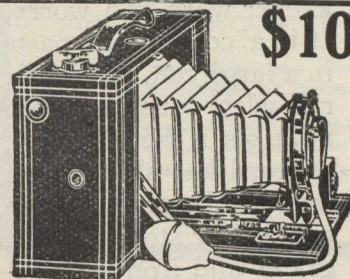
The various shipments were well and carefully packed, and arrived in England in capital condition—and, according to reports, sold at fairly good prices. A complete financial statement as to expenses and receipts attending these shipments will be awaited with great interest by the peach growers of the district.

The cooperative companies and a good many of the growers are boxing all their ones and twos this year, and only barreling the thirds. Apples are selling at from \$1.25 to \$1.75 per box f.o.b.

Grapes at Winona are bringing 11 to 16 cents per small basket. Pears are worth 20 to 45 cents per basket. Kieffer pears are bringing one cent per pound at the canning factory. Apples are selling at \$2.50 to \$4.50 f.o.b. the cars. Peaches are almost over but choice ones are worth 65 to 70 cents per basket.

The annual convention of the Ontario Horticultural Association will be held in Toronto Nov. 17 and 18 at the time of the Ontario Horticultural Exhibition. Two well known speakers from the United States will address the convention.

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