

buy refuse salt by the car load at the Salt Works. We hope some of them will give this a thorough trial and report their experience through the columns of the *Canadian Horticulturist*. Mr. Robert N. Ball, of Niagara, thinks he has found the application of lime to his peach trees to be very beneficial in arresting what seemed to be the first stages of the yellows.

HARDY FRUITS FOR MANITOBA AND MUSKOKA.

The following taken from the *Winnipeg Daily Sun* is of especial interest to those of our readers who live in the colder sections of the Province :

"While reading an interesting and valuable letter from the pen of the indomitable investigator into apple culture, Mr. Charles Gibb, of Abbotsford, P. Q., addressed to our department of agriculture, we are again reminded of the wonderful enthusiasm which characterizes the efforts of fruit-growers. With many it seems to be an infatuation, and a most fortunate one it is, in view of the inestimable benefits thereby conferred upon the world. When the impartial Judge shall write down a list of earth's heroes we expect to find near the top the names of many such quiet, earnest workers as Mr. Wilder, of the U. S., Mr. Beadle, Mr. Saunders and Mr. Gibb, of our own Dominion, whose life's labors have been devoted to the invention and development of blessings, among the richest mankind can employ. We do not propose in this connection to speak of the value of fruit as a luxury, its health-giving properties, or its influence upon the morals of the community, although we are naturally led in that direction. We simply intend to refer to the contents of Mr. Gibb's letter, draw attention to its importance and acknowledge the kind interest he manifests for our good.

Mr. Gibb has spent very much time of late years in travelling and investigating the character and value of the fruit of different countries and climates. His experience is especially valuable to North-west people because much of it has been gained in Russia, in the same latitude as our own country, where large quantities of fruit are grown, not only for home consumption, but for export. The opinion has been commonly and popularly expressed, that whatever might be expected of this country, the cultivation of other than strawberries, raspberries, currants and other small fruits in the fruit line, was out of the question. Mr Gibb, whose opinion can fairly be set against an army of novices and casual observers, is not so impressed. He says : 'I look forward in hope to the time when Manitoba shall have, in specially favorable and sheltered places, her commercial orchards supplying her markets with home-grown fruit, and also less favorable soils and situations growing fruit in an amateur way with more or less success.' And, in this reference, he speaks particularly of apples.

"After leaving here a couple of months ago, Mr. Gibb spent some time in Minnesota inquiring into the history of all efforts there made in fruit culture. It is the result of this research that he makes the excuse for the letter we refer to, and very full of value, it appears to be for North-westerners. He says : 'The question of hardness is of primary importance to Manitoba, for we are not now in search of fruits for the future sheltered city gardens of Brandon and Portage la Prairie, but for open prairie exposure, trees expected to live and thrive without shelter belts.'

"The opinions given by Northern Minnesota fruit-growers, whose experience is the truest guide to experimental work in Manitoba, would lead to trials of the following varieties of apples :