

when expressed three or four hundred miles, with a continual jolting, they settle down to two-thirds or three-quarters of a box full, and dealers have to fill them before they can sell them. There is also this other feature that slack filled boxes have so much more room to play that when they are handled roughly or jolted in a car they are much more bruised than the well filled boxes. I will stick to my old text; The man who will pick a quantity of surplus leaves and put them in his ice house and when crating any kind of small fruits will put a layer of leaves between every layer of fruit, will find that it will retain freshness in the berries and help to prevent bruising.

What a wonderful trade and consumption of bananas in our city! Seventeen cars arrived May 23rd, and still there is a good chance to extend the trade. To place a small bunch in the hands of each family in Montreal would take two hundred cars, which would mean four large train loads.

The man who puts in the bottom of a crate of berries a layer of berries that are covered with sand and two or three layers of nice, clean berries is liable to a fine of ten dollars. Sandy berries closed up twenty-four hours in a crate in hot weather, even if washed to get the sand all off the berries, will never have the nice flavor found in clean mulching. It pays to take a little extra pains, even when you are hurried in trying, hot weather.

### British Columbia

This year promises to establish new records all along the line as regards the fruit industry of this province. The Horticultural Department of the Provincial Government, under the guidance of R. M. Winslow, is very active in the assistance it is giving our growers. The province has been divided into four districts, in each of which Mr. Winslow has an assistant. It is the duty of these assistants to study their special districts and to report their needs and possibilities to the provincial department. The assistants are: Messrs. M. S. Middleton, C. C. Clarke, J. F. Carpenter, B.S.A., and Ben. Hoy.

The experimental orchards that have been established throughout the province have been placed under the control of one man, who will have charge of the planting and growing of the fruit. Speaking about the work of these orchards recently, Mr. Winslow said:

"After we get the demonstration orchards in good shape we propose to do some experimental work—in spraying, pruning, fertilizers, and in some districts in irrigation. We will also issue a complete set of bulletins on fruit growing and marketing."

It is the intention of the Government this year to confine its exhibition activities to the Dominion of Canada. It will not be officially represented at the Old Country shows during 1911, although numerous boards of trade and co-operative fruit growers' associations will make private and semi-official exhibits of British Columbia fruit. Government exhibits will be made in Canada at Winnipeg, Brandon, Regina, Edmonton, Toronto and London. Mr. W. J. Brandrith has been appointed Exhibition Commissioner. Daily shipments of the finest British Columbia fruit in their season will be forwarded to the exhibitions mentioned, so that the exhibits may be kept fresh.

The fruit crop report of the British Columbia Fruit Growers' Association for the month of June is very complete. It deals with the prospects of all the different varieties of fruit in each of the different fruit districts, and includes reports from Europe, Ontario, Nova Scotia, as well as from the



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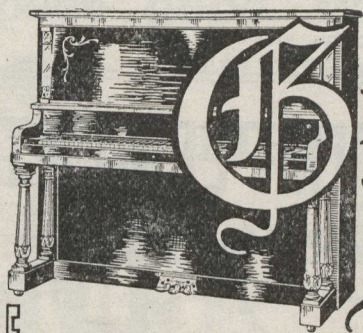
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