

Apple Growing

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It is surprising how many farmers are yet unfamiliar with the Inspection and Sale Act, part IX (the Fruit Marks Act). A copy of this act will be sent to anyone on application to the Fruit Division, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa. Until the farmer becomes familiar with this Act he is at the mercy of the buyers. They may carry a copy of it around with them and may read a part of it to the apple grower, but the apple grower is likely to be deceived if he does not get the Act himself and study it carefully. All contracts, wherever grades are mentioned, should read "Grade No. 1 and Grade No. 2 as defined by the inspection and Sale Act, Part IX." With the Act in his hand, the apple grower can make no mistake with reference to the marks that are required on all fruit packages.

Briefly, the Inspection and Sale Act asks only that the fruit be packed honestly, of the same quality from top to bottom, and that it be marked honestly, Grade No. 1 or Grade No. 2 as defined by the Act. There are few complications about it, and there is no reason why any grower should be led astray by designing buyers.

CO-OPERATION

There are very few co-operative associations in this district. They are being strongly opposed by the buyers of the less reputable sort. These buyers are not interested in securing a fair price for the fruit for the farmers, but are interested in making as big a profit as they possibly can. The larger buyers and real fruit merchants are in favor of co-operative associations inasmuch as they enable them to get large quantities of fruit with greater assurances that the quality and marking are right. But many dealers of the "sharp" sort see in the co-operative associations only a number of apple growers removed from the chance of being imposed upon by their fairy tales with reference to crops, prices and market conditions.

APPLE BUYERS

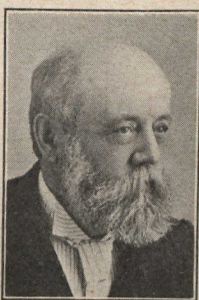
Not a few apple buyers attended these meetings. Some of them expressed their approval of the Inspection and Sale Act and of co-operative selling. But the most of them found in the Inspection and Sale Act and in the co-operative associations a restriction upon their actions. The members of the co-operative association could not be imposed upon. The manager, probably a smarter man than the buyer, looked after the market end of the business for the grower. Some of these dealers were opposed to the Inspection and Sale Act because it interfered with their buying orchards by the "lump." With the spread of knowledge and the help of the co-operative associations, it is to be hoped that the apple industry will dispense with many of these disreputable apple buyers, and that the fruit may pass directly from the producer to the apple merchant who will forward it and distribute it, with as little expense as possible, to the customers at home and abroad.

(NOTE.—Mr. McNeill concluded with some excellent recommendations for the district mentioned, but lack of space forbade their publication in this issue. They will appear next month.—Editor).

Mr. Beckley, of the Horace McFarland Co., expects to spend considerable time this summer on the hybridizing establishment of Mr. H. H. Groff, Simcoe, Ont., the gladiolus specialist.

The Late Mr. John Cape

In the July issue of THE CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST, mention was made of the death



Mr. John Cape

residents will recognize it and be pleased to see a likeness of one who was a good friend of horticulture and an enthusiast in its science and practice.

For many years Mr. Cape was actively interested in the work of the Hamilton Horticultural Society, holding offices at various times and was its president at the time of his decease. As a director of the horticultural exhibition held in Hamilton in 1905, he was instrumental in a large measure, for its success. He contributed occasional articles for THE CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST which always were read with profit and pleasure. His love for things horticultural was a characteristic that made him beloved and a useful citizen. His passing away will be felt not only by his immediate friends but also by all persons acquainted with his writings and work in the interests of horticulture.

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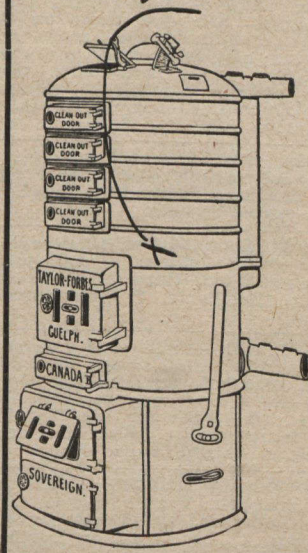
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