

## HOW FRUIT SHOULD BE PACKED

**T**HAT Ontario fruit growers are anxious to learn the best systems of packing fruit in boxes was evidenced at the Canadian National Exhibition by the interested crowd of fruit growers present at the packing demonstrations given in the dairy building by Mr. B. T. Boies, an expert packer from Coldstream Ranch, Vernon, B. C. The growers were not satisfied to merely watch the work, but persisted in asking questions. These were answered by Mr. A. McNeill, chief of the fruit division, Ottawa, or by Mr. P. J. Carey, Dominion Fruit Inspector, Toronto.

Mr. Boies showed that he had mastered the art of packing by the neatness and dispatch with which he handled the uneven samples that he was compelled to use. By placing in rows of two, three, four, five, etc., according to size, and the fruit on edge or on end, there are a total of about 60 different arrangements. The main point is to select that arrangement which will fill the box sufficiently full for putting on the cover and leave no slack.

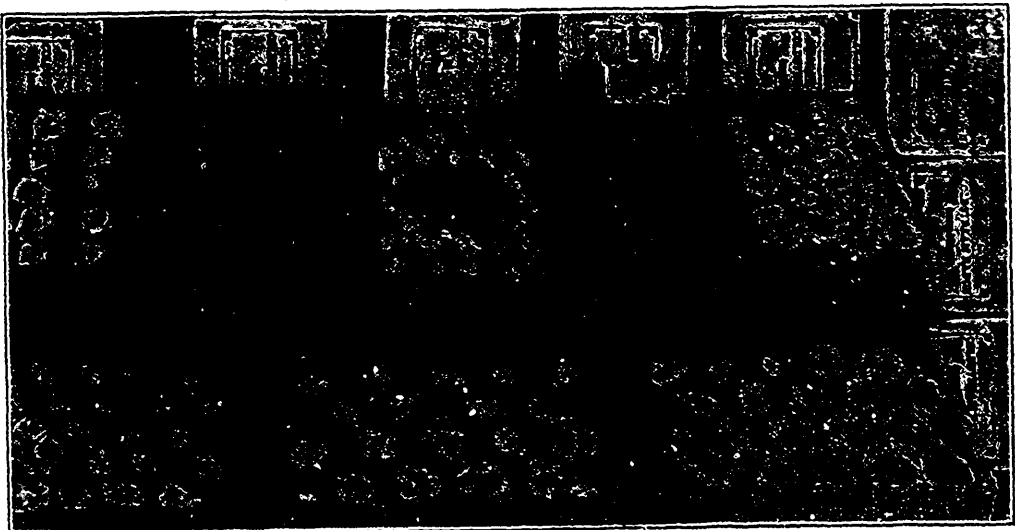
Mr. McNeill was asked if he would recommend making large shipments in boxes. He

replied he would not unless he had large quantities of first-class fruit. In British Columbia the growers use nothing but boxes and find their use pays. They should, he thought, also pay in Ontario. The British people are accustomed to our apples reaching them in barrels, and as they are slow to change they would look on our boxed apples with suspicion. The result at first would be they would not sell. It will take a few seasons to make Canadian boxed fruit popular on the British market.

In reply to a question regarding the use of foreign materials to face the box, Mr. McNeill explained that British Columbia packers use nothing between the face and the apple, but he said that it might be advisable to use pulp paper. Excelsior is condemned all along the Pacific slope.

### THE BOXES ON EXHIBITION.

The boxes which had been in competition in the fruit building were criticized. Some packers had not used boxes of standard size. Others used paper fillers to avoid spaces. If the fruit did not come to the top of the box several folds of newspaper were put in instead. Other exhibitors made



How Fruit Is Packed in British Columbia—Note the Different Arrangements of the Rows