

agitation that is likely to lead to official results has been in progress for some time in regard to the excessive rates charged by the railway and express companies for delivering British Columbia fruit to the prairie markets. Evidence has been accumulated showing that United States fruit, though shipped longer distances, has been sold at lower rates than fruit from this province. It has been shown also that in some of the cities the dealers have refused to handle British Columbia fruit when offered, and have distributed United States fruit instead. The railways have made the claim that British Columbia fruit has not been offered in large enough quantities, but this has hardly been the case this year as points have handled carload shipments which never did so before, and in some of this in several districts large quantities of fruit have gone to waste through lack of pickers and satisfactory packing facilities. The growers are determined to bring about an improvement in these conditions before long.

The Zealand importers of British Columbia apples, who have done well with former years, have been asking for larger shipments this year. The shipments of fruit from the Summer District this year have exceeded all records, over eight hundred tons of fruit having been forwarded to outside markets. At the first Okanagan Valley Apple Show held at Vernon, B.C. It was a great success. South Vernon won the first prize in the first competition, the Penticton Board of Agriculture the second, and the Vernon Board of Agriculture the third. The exhibits in all classes were most creditable, the display of fruit being remarkably large and of high quality. It is expected that the show will be an annual event.



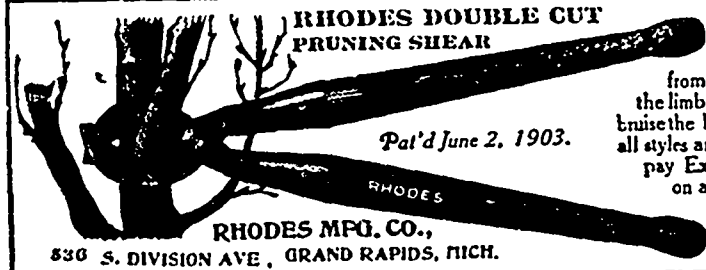
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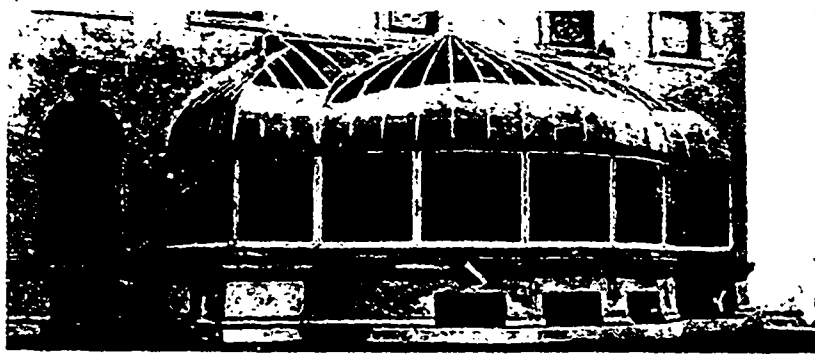
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