

## First Sales of Ontario Pre-cooled Fruit

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**T**HE first carload of pre-cooled fruit to be shipped from the Grimsby Cold Storage, was a carload of Montmorency cherries, purchased by the Department of Agriculture from the growers at thirty-seven and a half cents per six quart basket, delivered at the cold storage. After cooling, the cherries were loaded in a refrigerator car and consigned to the Scott Fruit Company, of Winnipeg. The car left Grimsby on the evening of Thursday, July 16th and was opened in Winnipeg on Wednesday, July 22nd. The account sales were as follows:

state that the cherries were in perfect condition.

A little calculation will show that the net proceeds of this car was nearly one hundred dollars in excess of the price paid the growers. The commission of twenty per cent. for handling seems altogether too high. I do not see why a commission agent should receive nearly twice as much for disposing of a car of fruit as the railway company receives for hauling it nearly fourteen hundred miles.

A second carload of cherries, which was put through the warehouse and pre-cooled

Winnipeg, July 24, 1914

### ACCOUNT SALES:

Pkgs. Rec.	Description Car 340,232	Total
No. Sold		
2277	Baskets cherries, sold for ..... cts. 60	\$1,366.20
10	Raspberries ..... \$1.25	12.50
		\$1,378.70
	Freight .....	\$148.00
	Commission .....	275.74
		423.74
	Net proceeds .....	\$ 954.96

Other sour cherries were selling in Winnipeg on the same day (July 22nd) at 38 cents. The car was accompanied as far as Winnipeg by Mr. Edwin Smith, who is in charge at Grimsby and both his report and the report of the Scott Fruit Company

for E. J. Woolverton & Sons, was sold in Montreal on Monday, July 27th. These cherries were picked at different times during the ten days preceding shipment, and they were placed in the cooling room the day they were picked. Some of them had

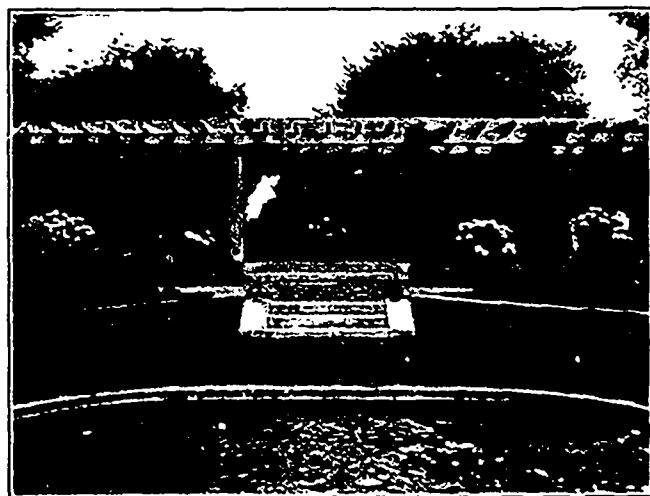
been in storage for over a week when the car was lifted on Friday, the 24th. The Montmorencys in this lot sold as high as forty-five cents and Windsors as high as seventy-five cents per 6-quart basket. The fruit inspectors report that the cherries arrived in Montreal ex-refrigerator car in good condition. Messrs. Woolverton's object in this shipment was to extend the season a week or ten days and thus avoid the glut which prevailed at the time of picking. They seem to have succeeded in their object.

### Demonstration Orchards

The Fruit Branch of the Ontario Department of Agriculture has secured long term leases on three orchards in Prince Edward, Ontario and Brant Counties, respectively, which are to be used for demonstration purposes. Hitherto demonstrations have been conducted only once in the same orchards. It is realized that very little of value can be gathered from experiments conducted only once. It has been decided, therefore, that by getting orchards in several localities and treating each orchard the same for six or seven years, it will be possible to find out something of value to the apple growers of Ontario. Some orchardists have had good results with one spray material, others prefer something else. Some growers prefer Bordeaux mixture and Paris green, and say they cannot grow apples with any other mixture. The Department has not been in a position to say that they would have done better by applying some other material.

It is the intention of the Department to have about half of each orchard in sod and to compare the apples grown on it with those grown on cultivated ground. The

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