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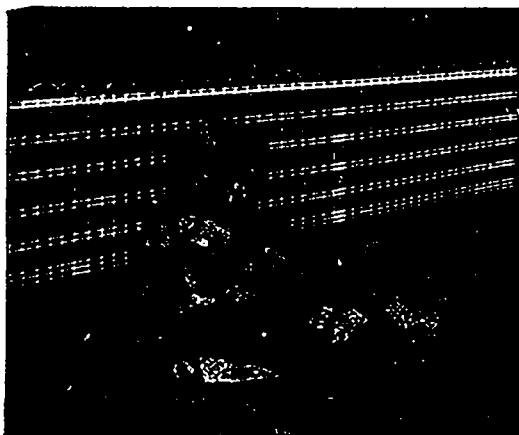
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R. I. Greenings are arriving in good size and well matured for so early a date. The market is well supplied at present with fruits. The banana trade is still increasing. Seventeen cars landed here a short time ago in one day.

British Columbia

The British Columbia Department of Agriculture is making arrangements to send a thoroughly representative collection of potatoes from the various farming districts of the province to the American Land and Irrigation Exposition at Madison Square Gardens, New York, from November 3 to 22 next, where the exhibit will be entered in competition for the Stillwell trophy and \$1,000 prize. An official of the department will accompany this exhibit.

Peach growing does not seem likely to prove as successful in this province as was anticipated a few years ago. Frosts on the low lands have forced many growers to abandon peach growing and to go in for the production of more hardy fruits instead. Speaking on this point recently Mr. Thos. Cunningham, the Provincial Fruit Inspector, said: "There has been a noticeable falling off in the number of peach trees imported into the province, not nearly as many came in this year as last year, and in my opinion it is a good thing, as we shall do better to confine ourselves to cherries. There has been a great increase in the number of apple trees imported."

The Provincial Department of Agriculture this year operated five power sprayers which were used to instruct growers in their use.

Some interest was aroused at Vernon, B.C., by a consignment of strawberries from the ranch of Andrew Sutherland, near One Mile Point, which were offered for sale about the middle of September. The variety was the well known English berry Givonne, which was introduced in the Kootenay a few years ago. It has proved a successful late variety. The berries were thoroughly ripe, of good size and excellent in color and flavor.

Notes from Niagara District

Linus Woolverton

The ill effects of the hail storm referred to on page 227 in the September number of The Canadian Horticulturist are just being measured up. In apples I find about one-half the crop hail pecked so badly as to be classed either as culls or as No. 3; while the other half is classed as No. 2. The fruit as it hangs is a sorry sight, so much of it was cut through by the hail so badly that rot has set in to finish its destruction. This is also very disheartening when one considers what beautiful clean fruit it all was the day before that hail storm. I am told that a grower near Grimsby was offered \$1,500 for his apple crop on a Saturday and refused it. The hail came the next day and so changed the prospect that he could not sell for \$300.

Peaches and pears, especially the later ones, do not show as much loss as apples; but the early varieties were mostly destroyed.

The grape crop has suffered more than any other fruit. I had the pickers go over and pull off the bad berries from a part of the rows, but found it a very slow job; the rest I left till picking time, and really it is quicker done, for the berries fall off more easily, being dried up. But at least the bunches are left very straggling, for nearly half of every bunch was destroyed. Some ten years ago we had a similar visitation of hail. One begins to wonder whether the