

display in this section should be confined to apples and pears and that our commercial varieties should be made the most prominent feature. It was, however, thought best, in order to more fully illustrate the capabilities of the different climates of Canada, and at the same time make the exhibit more interesting and attractive, that a considerable number of varieties should be secured; but no attempt has been made to preserve any variety earlier in season than the Fameuse. From that period onward, selections have been made of all the most desirable apples and pears which could be obtained. The fresh fruit has all been packed in bushel boxes, the Cochrane case, with a separate paper compartment for each specimen, having been chosen for this purpose. The fresh fruits have been secured from the different provinces as follows:—Ontario, 96 boxes, and nine to follow, Quebec, 130 boxes; Nova Scotia, 83 boxes; New Brunswick, 50 boxes; Prince Edward Island, 24 boxes; and from British Columbia, 68 boxes, making 451 boxes in all, which will probably be increased to about 500 when all the fruits selected are in.

Those received are now in cold storage in Montreal, from whence they will be forwarded in good season to Paris, using, if necessary, cold storage in transportation and placing them in cold storage on arrival there, and taking them out of cold storage from time to time as required for the display. In this way it is hoped that an attractive exhibit of fresh fruit will be provided, giving prominence to all our late keeping winter varieties for two or three months after the Exposition is opened. As the specimens shown cease to be useful for the fresh fruit exhibit, samples will be put in glass jars in antiseptic fluids, so as to add to that portion of the display.

In getting this large and comprehensive collection together, the following gentlemen have rendered excellent service: Mr. A. McD. Allan, of Goderich, Ont., who has had charge of the work for Ontario; Prof. H. L. Hutt, of the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, who has undertaken the work of preserving the more perishable fruits brought together by Mr. Allan, and has put up 596 jars; Mr. W. T. Macoun, horticulturist of the Central Experimental Farm, who has put up 161 bottles, containing samples of the fruits grown on the Central Farm; Mr. R. B. Whyte, of Ottawa, who has contributed a nice collection of early fruits from his own garden, numbering 17 specimens; Mr. Robt. Hamilton, of Grenville, Que., who has collected all the fresh fruits from Quebec and put 230 samples in preserving fluids of fruits grown in the western part of that Province; Mr. Albert D. Verreault, of Village des Aulnaies, Que., who has bottled 205 samples, representing the eastern sections of Quebec; Mr. J. W. Bigelow, President of the Fruit Growers' Association of Nova Scotia, Wolfville, has brought together the larger part of the fresh fruit collected in that Province; Mr. C. A. Patriquin, of Wolfville, who has assisted Mr. Bigelow in collecting the fresh fruit and has conducted the work of preserving 89 of the more perishable sorts in fluids; Mr. Thos. A. Peters, of Fredericton, Deputy Commissioner of Agriculture for New Brunswick, who has undertaken the work in that Province; and Mr. J. S. Clark, who has made the collections for Prince Edward Island. Such small fruits as can be grown successfully in Manitoba have been collected by Mr. S. A. Bedford, superintendent of the Experimental Farm at Brandon, who has contributed 48 specimens, and similar work for the Northwest Territories has been done by Mr. A. McKay, superintendent of the Experimental Farm at Indian Head, who has sent 31 sample jars. In British Columbia Mr. J. R. Anderson, Secretary of Agriculture, Victoria, has done excellent work in collecting fresh fruit from the more important fruit growing districts of that province; while Mr. Thos. A. Sharpe, superintendent, has forwarded a good collection of fresh fruit from the Experimental Farm at Agassiz, and has also put up in preserving fluids 188 jars of the more perishable and early ripening fruits grown on the Experimental Farm for British Columbia.

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