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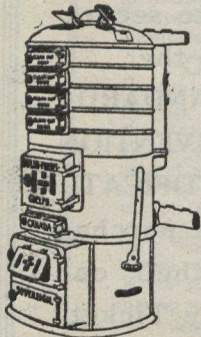
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This province sent about 800 boxes of fruit to England in charge of Mr. W. E. Scott, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, for display at the Royal Horticultural Show and at about 20 other exhibitions in Great Britain. The fruit was contributed from all over the province by associations, exchanges, dealers and growers.

Mr. James Johnstone, Nelson, reports that his yield of apples was quite up to the average. He received \$2.25 a box for choice grade fall apples and \$3 a box for winter varieties such as Red Cheek Pippin and Spitzenburg, f.o.b., Nelson. In a letter to THE CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST Mr. Johnstone says, "Several cars of Ontario's apples arriving here have been condemned and destroyed for disease."

Uniform Judging of Fruits

R. W. Starr, Wolfville N. S.

At the annual meeting of Nova Scotia Fruit Growers' Association held in Berwick last December, the subject of judging fruits at exhibitions was brought up and pretty thoroughly discussed. The idea seemed to be general, that some practical system that could be understood by both exhibitor and judges, and so arranged as to be acceptable to the whole Dominion, is what is wanted.

A committee was appointed to carry out this idea, and to draft score cards for plates and collections, to be submitted to the executive for approval. After some delay and correspondence a rough draft was prepared and submitted. This was referred to Mr. W. T. Macoun of Ottawa for revision and approval, and we must thank him for very efficient assistance in perfecting the work so far as we have gone.

Printed copies of these cards, with explanations have been sent to fruit growers' associations, agricultural colleges, horticultural magazines and papers of Canada, asking for full discussion and comment, with the view to make the work acceptable to the fruit growers of the Dominion, and that the cards may be used as a standard to decide all cases of close competition, if not required in every case.

Up to the present time answers have been received from a number of those to whom copies were sent and so far all have approved of the movement and promise support in their several positions and capacities.

NOTE.—Lack of space in this issue prevents the publication of comments, further than to mention that the proposed cards have been approved of in most particulars by Mr. W. T. Macoun, Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa; Prof. W. S. Blair, MacDonald College, Que.; Prof. H. L. Hutt, O.A.C., Guelph; Mr. S. B. Hatheway, Fredericton, secretary of the New Brunswick Fruit Growers' Associations; and others. At the recent convention of the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association the proposed cards were discussed and the general feeling was in favor of their adoption, except in one essential, but the matter was left in the hands of a committee. Exception was taken to the fact that no allowance is made for quality in the score card for plates. Prof. John Craig of Cornell University said that quality should not be overlooked in plate exhibits. He stated also that uniformity in score cards should be adopted by all the provinces. Mr. W. T. Macoun suggested that a second score card for plates be adopted that would include quality so that this might be used when needed. The N.S. proposed cards are printed on this page. Fruit growers in all the provinces are invited to discuss their merits through these columns. Comments already received by Mr. Starr and by THE

CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST will be published in next issue.—Editor.

Scale of Points for Judging Fruit

Proposed by the Fruit Growers' Association of
Nova Scotia, 1909

SCORE CARD FOR SINGLE PLATES NAMED

POINTS.
25 Freedom from Blemish.
25 Color.
20 Uniformity.
15 Form.
15 Size.

100

SCORE CARD FOR COLLECTIONS

POINTS.
20 Freedom from Blemish.
15 Color.
10 Uniformity.
10 Form.
13 Size.
10 Commercial Value
10 Quality.
10 Nomenclature.
5 Arrangement.

100

EXPLANATION OF TERMS

Freedom from Blemish.—Any injury by Insects, Fungus, Bruises, Loss of Stem or other cause, lessening the value or appearance of the Exhibit, may be called a Blemish.

Color.—Bright, clear, well developed color, characteristic of the variety preferred.

Form.—Represents the perfect or normal type of the variety.

Uniformity.—Specimens should be as nearly alike in size, form and color as possible.

Size.—Indicates care and skill in production, and usually, other points being equal, size wins.

Commercial Value.—Standard, known market varieties as grown in and suited to the district, preferred.

Quality.—To be considered in collections, Seedlings, new varieties on trial, or other sorts in competition.

Nomenclature.—Exhibits must be correctly named according to the nomenclature adopted by the Society, Association or Exhibition at which they are shown.

Arrangement.—Taste and skill in staging so as to attract attention and add to the general appearance of the exhibit.

A few hundred cases of apples have been sent from Nova Scotia to Great Britain for distribution among the various shows held there, other than the Royal Horticultural Show. Competent men of the province were chosen to select and pack the fruit and the government has guaranteed a fair price for same when sold after being exhibited.

At the convention of the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association, the visiting speakers from the United States, Messrs. Bassett, Cornell and Falvey, gave valuable information and helped materially to make the meetings a success. They deserved the thanks of the association which was tendered to them by vote at the concluding session. Come again.

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