

ing would undoubtedly stimulate them to greater effort.

The society made a distribution in the spring and fall to its members, and each month has held a meeting of the directors. Representatives were appointed to cooperate with other societies in the city, to endeavor to have the city council interest themselves in the purchase of suitable grounds in different parts of the city for the children. These grounds are badly needed, and as the city is rapidly growing, now is the time for the aldermen to take up this matter. If it is left over for a few years, land values will be greatly enhanced, and a much larger expenditure would be required.

## Our Apples in New Zealand

T. H. Race, Mitchell, Ont.

In his official report to his government, the commissioner for South Australia to the International Exhibition held recently in New Zealand, the following reference was made to the display of apples made by Canada: "It may not be out of place to state that Canada sent a consignment of apples which were thirty days on the voyage, and were placed in cold storage on arrival. Every week a case was taken out of the storage and placed on display, and these apples retained their freshness and flavor for months, up to the end of the exhibition."

I would just like to add that these apples—all grown in British Columbia—were in cold storage out from Victoria to Sydney, Australia, during their voyage. From Sydney to New Zealand, five days' sailing, they were on the deck of a steamer exposed to the summer temperature of that zone. They were, in fact, over five days exposed to this temperature before being securely housed again. We had in the consignment about thirty-four varieties, and they all kept well to the end except the Blenheim

Pippin, Blue Pearmain, Fall Pippin, and one or two others that I have forgotten. The Jonathan, King, Spitzenburg, and Spy kept particularly well, and proved great favorites with the people of the South Sea empire. The Snow apples opened out in splendid condition, and as long as it lasted created a great interest.

When the New Zealand apples came in, during the month of March, we had still a pretty good showing, and the striking contrast in regularity in shape was very noticeable. All the New Zealand apples are more or less irregular in form, which is always an evidence of a coarseness in texture, and they never attain the beauty in color so characteristic of our Canadian fruit. I feel confident that we laid the foundation for a considerable trade in apples between British Columbia and all the Australian colonies, New Zealand especially. In arriving in the latter country in September, I found the market supplied with apples from San Francisco, selling at a very high price. We showed the New Zealand and Australian people that we produced a very superior apple to that of California, and we demonstrated the fact that it could be laid down in good condition in their market at a reasonable cost.

On the steamer coming this way in June there were about one hundred and fifty cases of Tasmanian apples consigned to Seattle. They were piled on the deck of the steamer and covered with canvas. The captain had four of the cases opened to let us look at them, and I have no hesitation in affirming that those apples would pass through Hades uninjured. The variety was a pippin of some sort, resembling in size and color our Newtown, but as hard and coarse as a quince. They would arrive in Seattle about the sixth of July as solid as our Swede turnip in November. I saw some fairly good apples in Tasmania, but none that we may be afraid to compete against in any part of the world.



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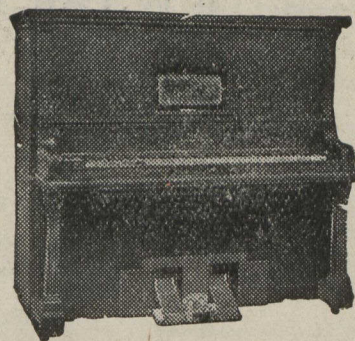
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