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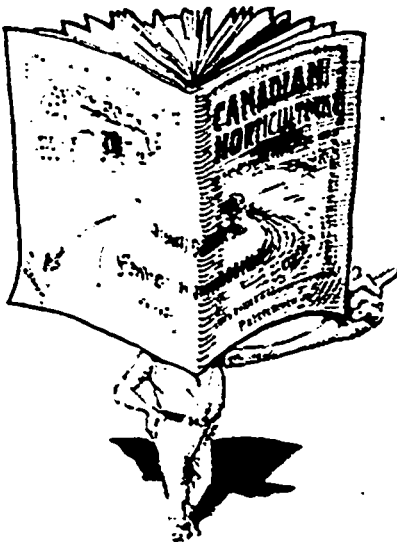
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fruit growers' associations, who would be responsible for the quality of the supply and for a regular supply, to take it. It cannot be too strongly urged that there is no time to lose; when this report is published, the shipping season will be two months of its commencement. It should be noted that it is futile to ask questions either to this or the Fair Ayres office as to the rates, route, and forth. The proper course is to apply to the steamship companies, who should be able to quote through rates from Montreal, St John, or Halifax to Rio or Buenos Aires via Liverpool.

Large quantities of apples are being exported from the States of California, Washington, and New York to South America during the northern, and from Australia and New Zealand during the southern winter. The States of Washington and New York, particularly the former, are establishing a fine reputation for their apples. Their packing is said to be perfect. Apples for the Brazilian trade should first of all look well. They must be of fair size, bright in color, and the finer the quality the greater the future trade.

PEARS WANTED

There would be a sale for a large quantity of pears, if the supply were large enough to admit of shipping to Brazil or Argentina. The duty on fresh fruit is one hundred reis per kilo, which reduced, would be about one and three-quarter cents per pound. There is no fiscal preference for this commodity accorded to any country, so that the field is a fair one for all competitors.

Nova Scotia Apples

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Gravensteins, with the exception of a few chards that had been well sprayed and thinned, were badly spotted. There are growers and companies that did not attempt to put up numbers one and two grades, but packed two grades of apples three into large and small. They found a sale at from one dollar per barrel to one dollar twenty-five cents. Kings and Ribstones have been shipped across to England.

It is a pity the Fruit Marks Act did not cover stringently the shipping of immature fruit. There will always be the man who is in a hurry to get his apples on the market, and if he has not commonsense enough to know when they should be picked and shipped the law should help him. About thirty cooperative fruit companies are in active operation in the Valley of Nova Scotia. This latter organization properly handled should revolutionize the handling of fruit and orchard supplies to the greater profit of the individual grower. Barrels are easily obtainable at two to five cents each.

Pears and plums were a heavy crop and sold very low.

British Columbia

The provincial government has decided to appoint a number of engineers to be stationed in the dry belt of the province to have charge of the distribution of water to the farmers for irrigation purposes. It will be their duty to decide how much water each farmer shall have in view of the kind of crop he is growing, and within a few days of the week the water shall be turned by each farmer.