

for the first, on Early Crawford, and they were large in size and highly flavored. I have had the tree some years. I also saw a peach tree in St. Mary's with a good crop, but not very large. I mention this, as the opinion is growing that peaches can be grown further north than usually grown. I think a few may be grown here most seasons for home use, but not enough for sale.

What is the cheapest way to supply potash to the land. I have got along so far with wood ashes, but as coal is being more and more used

they are getting scarcer? I see potash is advertised in the journal, but it is in New York, and no agent is mentioned for Canada.

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A. J. COLLINS

Wood ashes can be had in car lots from Rathbun Co., Deseronto, at a very small cost. Would fertilizer dealers respond concerning potash.

Open Letters.

San Jose Scale Remedies.

SIR.—The fruit growers of Ontario are becoming more and more interested in the San Jose Scale, and the question of how to extinguish it has become one of great importance to many who at first looked upon the agitation with indifference. In the original centers of infestation the San Jose Scale has multiplied and spread during the past season more than ever before. There is no longer lack of evidence of its destructiveness, for many fruit trees have been killed by it at these old infested points. The results from the remedies used last spring when applied carefully and according to the instructions, are very satisfactory and encouraging, and the Minister of Agriculture for Ontario will again supply spraying material (whale oil soap and crude petroleum), for the destruction of the San Jose Scale, at one-half its cost laid down.

Parties wishing to take advantage of this opportunity may do so by communicating with me on or before January 30th, 1902, after which date we will not guarantee to fill orders.

GEORGE E. FISHER, Inspector,
Freeman, Ontario.

Dec. 16th, 1901.

Great Britain's Imports of Food Products.

SIR.—In looking over the proceedings of the 10th annual meeting of the American Warehousemen's Association held in St. Louis, Mo. October 17, 18 and 19th, 1900, I find that during the year ending June 30th 1900, England consumed \$800,000,000 in food stuffs or \$1,200,000 daily. Of this amount \$650,000,000 was the value of imported products, the refrigerated imports amounting to about \$100,000,000 made up as follows: \$135,000,000 in dressed meats; \$50,000,000 in cheese; \$80,000,000 in butter; \$30,000,000 in eggs; \$50,000,000 in poultry; \$25,000,000 in frozen fish; \$35,000,000 in fruit and \$30,000,000 in other perishable food stuffs. In addition to this the consumption of foodstuffs in England is said to increase about \$25,000,000 yearly.

The above figures show what this market is worth and surely such a market is worth contending for. We cannot utilize it to advantage without a strictly reliable cold storage service and we should not desist till this is secured.

Freeman, Dec. 10th, 1901.

G. E. FISHER.

Nova Scotia Awards.

SIR.—I have just received from W. J. Buchanan, director-general of the Pan-American Exposition, the official list of awards to growers of Nova Scotia fruit exhibited by me there, which please publish:

The Nova Scotia Fruit Growers' Association for general exhibit of fruits—one gold medal.

F. Arthur Starr, Cornwallis, for display of 85 varieties of apples and 20 varieties pears—one gold medal.

Herbert Johnson, Wolfville, 20 varieties and 2 barrels apples—one silver medal.

Mrs. Olivia Johnson, Wolfville—one bronze medal.

I. Elliott Smith, Greenwich—one bronze medal.

C. M. Vaughn, Wolfville—one bronze medal.

Saxby Blair, Government Farm, Nappan, fruits in acids—one bronze medal.

Mrs. Ethel McKeen, Gay's River, Halifax—diploma.

James Elderskin, Wolfville—diploma.

Byron Chesley, Clarence, Annapolis—diploma.

Byron Chesley for fruits in acids—diploma.

W. C. Archibald, Wolfville—diploma.

The awards for vegetables have not yet been received. Arriving as we did in the last month of the Exposition, and laboring under great disadvantage in exhibiting, the awards are most satisfactory and should be a cause of pride to every Nova Scotian.

Wolfville, Dec. 9, 1901.

J. W. BIGHAM.

Western New York Fruit Growers.

SIR.—Our 47th annual meeting in this city Jan. 22nd and 23rd, 1902.

Program will include paper and talk from some of the leading scientific and practical horticulturists in America.

The discussion of questions will be a more prominent feature than ever before and the program will be exceptionally fine.

It is worth any man's while, if at all interested in fruit, to attend this meeting and rub up against over 500 of the cream of fruit-growers in New York State.

I will mail program, soon as ready, to all enquirers.

Rochester, N. Y.

Yours, etc.,

JOHN HALL.