



also be made by equally dividing this bushel box lengthwise and packing it the same as

Diagram No. 1. Having explained my system as fully as possible within prescribed limits, I claim that it has all the merits I have indicated, as well as being an acceptable fruit case in all foreign markets, and when fruit men recognize these facts they will not only have no hesitation in adopting the imperial bushel box as the best solution of the package problem, but they will also admit that it is the only solution entitled to be called The Universal Fruit Package of Canada.

## THE HELDERLEIGH NURSERIES

THE combined nurseries and fruit farm of E. D. Smith, M.P., Winona, affords striking evidence of the importance of the fruit industry to Ontario. This nursery is one of the largest in Canada. It contains 600 acres in all, of which 200 are in nursery stock and 200 in fruiting orchards and vineyards. The balance of the land is used to grow feed for the farm stock. The plantations are so extensive and varied as to amuse the casual visitor and cause one to wonder how it is possible for one man to conduct a business of such magnitude.

This huge nursery or the different farms of which it is composed, is located in one of the most desirable sections of the province. It is close to Lake Ontario, near Winona, and not far from Hamilton. The shelter afforded by the mountain, and the moderating influence of the breezes from Lake Ontario both aid in making the situation all that could be desired.

The home farm of about 120 acres is chiefly devoted to ornamental stock of many hundred varieties, including evergreens, shrubs, etc., as well as plum and pear trees and small fruit bushes, also vineyards, peach and plum orchards. About one mile east of this is another section, known as the Carpenter farm, consisting of about 60

acres, which is planted in grapes, dwarf pears, apples and cherries of different ages.

The Green farm, a third of Mr. Smith's places, is located about one mile east of Stoney Creek. This farm comprises about 80 acres, and includes a general assortment of nursery stock, principally apples and cherries. To the east is the Beamsville farm, about a mile and a half from Beamsville, on which is a block of 30 acres in young apple trees set out last spring. Still further east and about a mile north of Vineland, is the Honsberger place, with some 28 acres of two-year-old apple trees and about ten acres one-year-old. West of Vineland is the Moyer farm, on which is a solid block of 12 acres in young plum trees.

An editorial representative of The Horticulturist, who recently had the privilege of visiting the various farms in company with Mr. A. E. Kimmins, Mr. Smith's capable business manager, was as much impressed with the excellent order and splendid system apparent in connection with each of these farms as with the extent of the operations carried on. Were it not for the excellent management of both the field and business departments it would be impossible for Mr. Smith to give the prompt attention necessary to the thousands of orders received yearly for all kinds of fancy and