

THE FRUIT CANNING BUSINESS.

Mr. J. J. Thomas, horticultural Editor of the *Country Gentleman*, says in that paper:—

“We visited the canning establishment of the Niagara Preserving Company, and obtained from F. Gebbie, one of the proprietors who gives constant and efficient attention to the work, the following figures showing the quantity of some of the fruits and vegetables canned the last and present season. About two million cans are required for one year's work. In 1879 30,000 cases (two dozen per case) of tomatoes were canned, 15,000 cases of green corn, 7,000 of beans, and 7,000 bushels of apples. The present season 2,500 cases of cherries have been canned, 2,800 of Blackberries, 130,000 quarts of strawberries, and 1,000 bushels of plums. The work requires 400 hands. Several machines were in operation for removing the corn from the cob at the rate of one a second, or a bushel in a minute and a half; and another machine enabled the attendants to fill 40 cans per minute. The company engages of farmers a large portion of their supplies, 350 acres of corn being raised this year and 160 acres of tomatoes. About 200 acres of tomatoes are required each year, yielding about ten tons per acre.

How many fruit canning establishments have we in Ontario that do a like business? And yet this is but one of the canning establishments of Niagara County situate at Lockport, N. Y.

PERPETUAL BLOOMING PELARGONIUMS.

Who has not wished that these lovely flowers, the Pelargoniums, could be had all the year round? If they could only be persuaded to bloom at all seasons, as do their sisters the scarlet Geraniums, what treasures they would be. They are gorgeous indeed while they last, but it is only for two or three months in the early spring, and then their beauty is gone for the year. It is therefore with great pleasure that we now chronicle the arrival of a variety of Pelargonium that blooms as freely and continuously as any scarlet Geranium.

Mr. John G. Heintz, Florist, of Terre Haute, Indiana, has introduced a new strain of Pelargoniums which bloom almost constantly the year round, and is especially fine during the winter and spring months. He says they are of easy culture, delighting in a dry atmosphere, which at once will make them one of the most suitable and charming window plants. As bedding plants, he claims, they are equal to anything in use for that purpose; if the plants are kept at rest during winter and bedded out after the frosts are gone, they will remain in constant bloom all summer, enduring without injury the hottest sun.