

the high-class trade. It may be all right for a third grade, which are generally very cheap, but let No. 1 or Fancy be uniform in size and color. For choice the box does not seem to be in use in Ontario or the eastern provinces as much as it might be. It is not because the fruit does not bring good prices when the right fruit is used and it is properly packed, for I have seen catalogue prices where thousands of Oregon boxes were brought over \$2 a box and many of these three bushel barrels of choice quality at three dollars and a half. The box is not for choice table quality, where the fruit is unsightly and undesirable are seen. I am glad to conclude from this that the fruit men are getting wise and that they are no longer pressing barrels full of fruit to prevent them from getting slack in transit. When an apple is badly damaged or cracked often by unskillful pressing it rots and causes others to rot. Over pressing is not noticed so much this year, but it is still in evidence. No. 3 quality is not so noticeable for the export trade and surely they are not sold there. Although the season was a very wet one, the fruit was generally of a very clean type, and spraying must have been done early at the proper season. The Fameuse Snow apple is one of the very best to make a profit when clean, and the very worst when spotted.

Export Peach Trade Increasing

Canada's export trade in peaches is rapidly increasing. The practicability of shipping Canadian peaches to England was tested by the Department of Trade and Commerce in 1910. The experiment proved successful and succeeding shipments have had a ready market. Last year the weather conditions were regarded as unfavorable and peach exporters were in some doubt as to the likelihood of the Canadian peaches reaching the British market in good condition. The results have, however, been most satisfactory, and present prospects are good for a very large trade with

Great Britain in Canadian peaches in the future.

The peach shipments for the past three seasons have been as follows, showing a notable increase for the present year:

- 1910—3,743 single layer cases.
- 1911—3,934 single layer cases.
- 1912—8,443 single layer cases.

South America Wants Our Apples

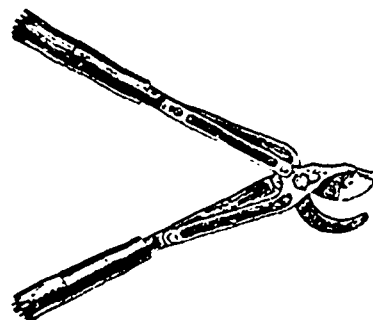
Canadian Trade Commissioner H. R. Poussette reports that there are excellent opportunities for Canadian apples in Brazil, but up to the present no advantage has been taken of the market. In conjunction with the Argentine trade, it ought to be possible to sell 100,000 barrels in the season, from October to March, but although every effort has been made to work up the trade with Argentina, the commissioner fears that another season will pass without anything being accomplished in this direction.

Trade inquiries for apples have been sent from first-class firms. The demand is for fruit contained in cases rather than in barrels, and although the Canadian growers are adepts at packing the latter, an effort should also be made to succeed at the other method. It is needless to add that the fruit must be of first-class quality and uniform throughout.

If apples are to come through the tropics and be landed in satisfactory condition, they must be stowed in a cold storage chamber on the ship and maintained at a certain temperature. As the freezer space on the only steamship line trading between New York and South America equipped with it has been booked up for several years in advance, or is reported to be, by a Brazilian firm importing United States apples, the sole alternative is to ship via Liverpool or Southampton. As a matter of fact, this route ought to be more satisfactory for Ontario shippers during the first two months of the season than via New York, except for the loss of time on the voyage.

The best method of handling the South American trade would be for one or two

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