

THE EXPORT OF OUR TENDER FRUIT.

A GAIN this question is at the front, and very soon some further experimental shipments will be sent forward. It is plain that the time has come when we must export our fruit or give up the business, for we are producing more fruit than Canada can consume. Then when we succeed in reaching a foreign market with our peaches and pears, we must study the best export varieties and plant extensively those kinds. This may entirely revolutionize an orchard, but it will bring success.

sary that a suitable package should be used. It should be (1) strong enough to provide for safe carriage; (2) so constructed as to provide for thorough ventilation; (3) cheap; and (4) of a size convenient for handling. No one package is suitable for all kinds of fruit; but the package for the carriage of every sort of fruit should meet these requirements. Each package of fruit, if thoroughly closed at a warm temperature, becomes practically a generator of heat, like a slow-burning stove; hence the need of openings for ventilation that the

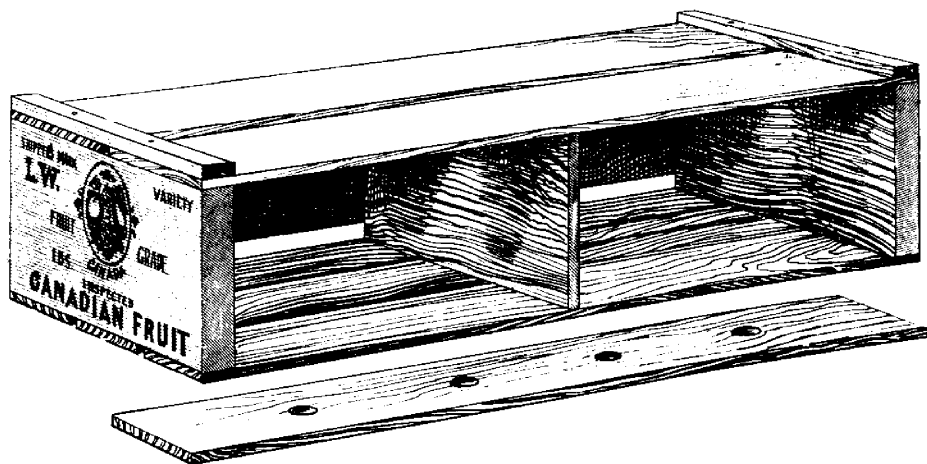


FIG. 1400.—

We have just received the report of the Commission of Agriculture, Prof. J. W. Robertson, in which he reviews the work of the past year in the dairy, live stock and fruit interests. In the section devoted to this latter he reviews the work of the year 1897 in experimental fruit shipments to Great Britain, and then draws the following general conclusions:—

PACKAGES.

The value of tender fruits in Great Britain depends chiefly upon their condition. To ensure the preservation of their condition at its best, it is neces-

cold air may have a chance to cool the fruit.

The following cuts illustrate the packages which are recommended for use in the shipment of pears, peaches and tomatoes to Great Britain:—

Fig. 1400 shows the case with one side off.

Fruit is to be packed from the side of the case. After it is filled, the side is to be put on in such a way as to hold the fruit firmly, but not to bruise it.

The following are the dimensions of the case, in side measurement:—

Length, 22 inches; width, $11\frac{1}{4}$