

figures will be available. The fruit statistics presented by Mr. A. W. Peart at the last Dominion Fruit Conference, gave us a little idea of the value of the fruit industry of the province. The capital value of the fruit industry is estimated at over \$55,000,000, and the annual value of the fruit trade is put at about \$3,000,000. This is merely the fruit growing end of it, to say nothing of the many allied industries.

#### THE CANNING INDUSTRY

The canning industry affords a good illustration of the development and progress of some of the allied industries. Fifteen years ago there were only six canning factories in Ontario, now there are 66, and the number is increasing every year. These factories employ about 7,000 hands and pay out for produce about \$800,000 a year. The establishment of so many canning factories within the last few years is a most hopeful sign of the progress of the times. They afford ready means of disposing of a large part of the crop, whereby it can be distributed to all parts of the country and made use of at all seasons of the year. Regarding the vegetable growing industry, we can get as yet no very reliable

statistics; but I think I am safe in saying that one phase of the industry, that of forcing crops under glass, has doubled many times over during the last five years.

#### COMMERCIAL FLORICULTURE

Commercial floriculture is another branch of horticulture that has made wonderful strides within the last few years. It has been estimated

decorative plants. The ever-increasing number of enthusiastic amateurs in both town and country, interested in all branches of horticulture, are giving more attention to town and country gardens, or civic and rural improvement. For all, in each line of work, the outlook never was more promising.

There are, no doubt, a few dark clouds in the sky. The San Jose scale has come in and appears to be going to stay. But this only means that the men who do not spray will have to go out of the business, and the wideawake, aggressive and progressive growers who wage war on this and all other such pests, are going to grow more and better fruit.

The failure of the railroads in providing adequate facilities for handling the fruit crop is a matter that was well shown up by a few of our leading fruit growers before the Railway Commission in Toronto recently. Such things will be remedied, and the sooner the better for all concerned. There will always be battles to fight, but such fighting keeps us keen and on the alert.

#### HORTICULTURAL EDUCATION

When, 15 years ago, I was appointed horticulturist at the Ontario Agricultural College, I was the first in the Dominion to outline and teach a regular course in horticulture. For years, or until the School of Horticulture was opened in Nova Scotia, ours was the only institution in Canada giving instruction in horticulture.

At that time fruit-growing, because of the commercial importance it had attained, naturally overshadowed the other branches of the subject, and vegetable gardening, floriculture, and landscape gardening were looked upon more as side issues, and were treated on our college curriculum more from the standpoint of the amateur. But such is not the case to-day. These one-time minor features in the horticulture of the province have made such wonderful advancement during the past few years that none of them care to take second place even to fruit growing.

The development and specialization in horticulture and the commercial interests concerned, are opening up extensive spheres for our young men, and the demand on our educational facilities increases in proportion. The introduction of agriculture and horticulture in our high schools; the development of our fruit experiment stations; the extension of our cooperative work, in which there are already over 6,000 experimenters engaged; the establishment of our new Horticultural Experiment Station in the Niagara district; with the improvement of the facilities in our own college which we are looking for, as well as the kindly cooperation of the experimental farm at Ottawa and the new colleges in the other provinces, should afford to the rising generation inspiration and equipment for the work in which they are to engage. The horticulturist of the next 10 years, whether fruit grower, vegetable grower or florist, is going to have an immense advantage over his predecessors of the past decade.

Enclosed find my subscription to THE CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST. This is just the magazine I have been looking for. It seems rather odd that it had not come to my notice before. I thought surely Canada must have at least one horticultural publication. Charles H. Heidt, Kootenay Co., B.C.

The Ontario Department of Agriculture has received the following names and addresses of firms in Great Britain making enquiries as to Canadian cider:—Scorza & Oliveiri, 80-81 New Street, Birmingham, Eng.; H. Weston, Much Marcle, Dymock, Glos., Eng.; Jno. Kimberly Tipton, Birmingham, Eng.; Henry Kenway Limited, 97-100 Moore St., Birmingham, Eng.; Hardman Sons & Thompson, Ltd., Tenbury, Worcestershire, Eng.; and The Armagh Cider Co., Portadown, Ireland.

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that this trade has increased 400 per cent. during the past 10 years, and now amounts to about \$2,000,000 per year.

I need not say more along this line. I refer to it merely to show how horticultural work is specializing and developing. Fruit growers are specializing in the culture of certain classes of fruits. Vegetable gardeners are specializing in field and forcing-house crops. Florists are specializing in the production of cut flowers and

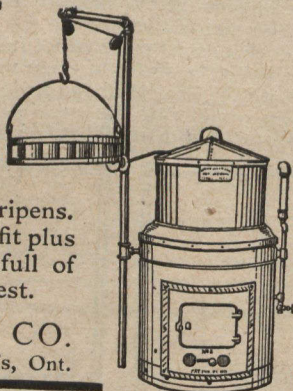
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