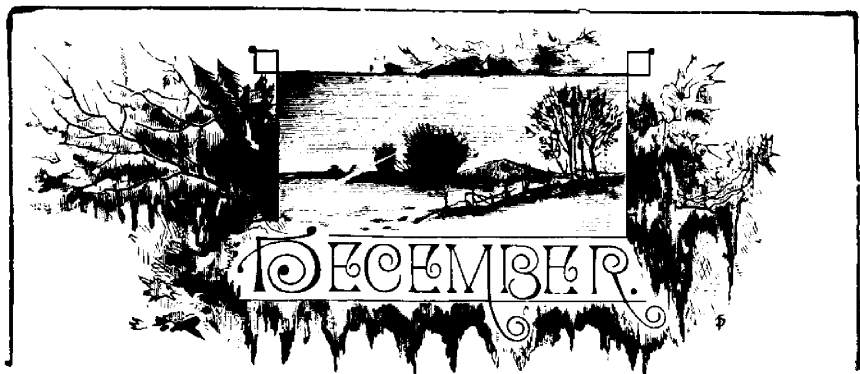


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THE EXPORT OF TENDER FRUITS.

AT the Annual Meeting of the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association at Kingston, in December, 1896, the advisability of making some experimental shipments to Great Britain of tender fruits, such as peaches, tomatoes, pears, grapes and summer apples was fully discussed. An address was given by the Hon. S. Fisher, Minister of Agriculture, for the Dominion, to the effect that the Department of Agriculture was desirous of assisting Canadian fruit growers in this enterprise, and would like to know just what provision would be needed.

A committee was appointed to reply to his enquiries, consisting of L. Woolverton, W. M. Orr, G. E. Fisher, A. H. Pettit, and E. D. Smith. This Committee met and recommended that shipments go forward during the month of August, September, October or later, of at least one carload per week, and of three or four carloads a week during the month of September; that cold storage would be needed at the point of shipment, as well as on the railway cars; that

the varieties of fruit be as many as possible, and packed in the very best manner; that only the best stock be allowed to go forward; that an agent be sent to Britain to look after the interests of the fruit grower; that cold storage warehouses be erected at such points as can be agreed upon, where growers will furnish the amount of fruit required, and agree to buy over the warehouses at the end of three years provided the experiment proved a success.

At a meeting of representative fruit growers from Grimsby, Winona and Burlington, held at Grimsby on the 26th of January, two resolutions were passed, one asking for three warehouses, one at Grimsby, one at Winona, and one at Burlington, each place to provide one-third of a carload per week; and another resolution which while approving of the former, recommended as a preferable scheme, the erection of one warehouse by the Department, and the guarantee to the shippers of a fair market price for the goods.

The Department approved of the lat-