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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

BONES AS A FERTILIZER.—The treatment of bones is the subject of an article in the *Farm and Fireside*, by "Joseph." He advises the careful saving of all bones accumulating about the farm, as they contain valuable fertilizing material, viz: three or four per cent. of nitrogen, and nearly one-quarter of their own dry weight in phosphoric acid. Their value, according to this scale, would be about one and a-half cents a pound. To get these old bones into available form, the following modes are advised, viz: (1) burning, (2) mixing with fresh horse manure, the fermentation of which helps to soften them, (3) exposure to chemical action of unleached wood ashes, in which method they should be broken and put in alternate layers with the ashes in a barrel, keeping the whole mass moist until the bones are soft.

A NEW PRODUCE COMPANY.—We as fruit growers will gladly welcome any scheme for the better sale of our produce. An attempt was made last spring to form a joint stock company for this purpose, which failed, owing to the bitter opposition of influential English and Canadian commission merchants. A company has now been organized under the name of the Imperial Produce Company, having a head office in Toronto,

and a British head office in London, England. Among the officials of the company we notice the names of Mr. Charles Drury, Minister of Agriculture; Mr. W. E. Wellington, one of our directors, and Mr. A. McD. Allan, our ex-President. The last named gentleman is to be the outside manager, and in his hands will be placed the personal supervision of the sale of our apples to retail merchants in Great Britain, Norway and Sweden. We hope, therefore, to receive material aid from the operations of this company.

A WEEKLY MARKET BULLETIN.—We have in view a very important scheme for the benefit of the fruit-growers of Ontario. It consists of a weekly supplement to the CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST during the fruit season, giving reliable reports of both English and Canadian fruit markets during the months of July, August and September. This market bulletin will be sent free to all those members of our Association who desire it. Due notice of its first issue will be given in these columns, when those who wish to receive the bulletin will apply by postal card to the Secretary.

ON GIRDLING THE GRAPE.—Professor Maynard, of the Massachusetts Agricultural College, has been making further investiga-