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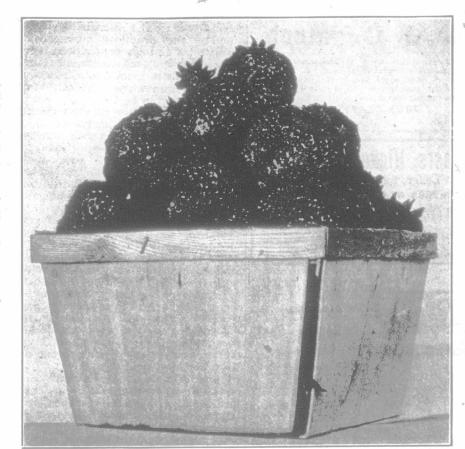
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It is rather difficult to understand why the farmers of the West are so reluctant to take advantage of their opportunities for the profitable growing of fruit on a commercial scale. Not only do they ignore the commercial possibilities, but only a very few here and there are growing fruit for their own use. At least 98 per cent. of the strawberries consumed in the Edmonton market are imported from British Columbia, at a cost for carriage alone equal to what fruit can be grown for here. Further than that, the fruit is inferior in size and appearance to that produced locally, is picked green and

Practically the same conditions apply in regard to many other garden products, even the ordinary vegetables, which can probably be produced in Central Alberta, in more profusion and to greater advantage than in any other portion of the Dominion, are largely imported from our more industrious neighbors in British Columbia. This is one of the anomalies of western farm life which somebody might explain. The accompanying photograph of a cauliflower, grown in the open air here in Edmonton and cut July 19th, shows the possibilities in this direction.

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reaches the consumer over-ripe and There is profit in raising high-grade often out of condition. Yet it has been amply demonstrated by a few individuals here and there that strawberries can be grown with abso-lute certainty and with very satisfactory profits, anywhere in the partially wood-the major portion of his stock grown ed mixed farming country in Central ed mixed farming country in Central for him by others. Within the last Alberta. I enclose herewith a photo- few years there has been an enormous graph of strawberries sent in to market increase in the quantity of seeds pro-from the farm of A. G. Bennett, about duced for commercial purposes. This forty miles west of Edmonton. The has been due in large measure to the writer recently has seen berries of development of seed growing and equally attractive appearance on the handling as a business. There are now farm of Robt. Easton, some twelve nearly one thousand seed firms doing miles east; at D. W. Warner's, three business in the United States. One of TRUNK miles east; and at Mr. Chegwin's, about the largest of these uses buildings with thirty miles to the southwest of this an aggregate floor space of more that city. There is no reason at all why 16 acres. This space is much large this fruit should not be grown com- than was occupied by the entire see mercially on an extensive scale. For trade of the country only fifty year some reason or other our farmers ap- ago. The quality also has vastly im pear to think they have not time to proved. One of the most encouraging give to products of this sort. developments in the growing of garde



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