

lington, is Provincial Inspector of San Jose Scale, and will be glad to correspond with you as to the best means of applying the soap, and the proper time for the work.

Boxes for Apples.

1270. Sir, I understand that an increasing number of fruit growers in Ontario and Nova Scotia are shipping their apples in boxes. As you are doubtless aware they have always been sold in boxes on the Pacific Coast. We think we have two good reasons for preferring the box to the barrel. The first is, families in towns and cities can often afford to buy a box who could not afford to buy a barrel, and this increases consumption. The second is that a larger quantity of fruit can be put in the space, thus increasing the carrying capacity, an important item. Up to the present time everybody has made a box to suit himself, so that we find boxes of apples containing from thirty-four to fifty pounds of fruit. Our Association asked the Hon. Minister of Agriculture to pass an Act legalizing a certain sized box, but so far no action has been taken. We are anxious to have a legal box, and our Association recommends the same size box that is in use in Oregon and Washington, for the reason that our fruit comes in direct competition with theirs in the Manitoba and Northwest Markets, and as those states are now shipping to Great Britain and Germany, no doubt they will come in competition with your eastern fruit, and it will avoid confusion if we can have uniformity of package.

I am writing the Association in Quebec and Nova Scotia to the same effect, and asking their co-operation in getting the Dominion Government to take action in the matter.

Hoping to have the active support of your Association. Yours truly,

N. J. BRANDRITH.

Sec. B. C. F. G. Ass'n

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Uniform packages for our fruit is one of the hobbies of our Ontario fruit growers, and we are pleased to find our friends in British Columbia aiming for the same object.

A few years ago when we began using a box for apples, we adopted a size measuring two cubic feet, viz., 24 x 12 x 12 inches outside, but recently changed this slightly to make them pack in the car to greater advantage, and adopted a box 10½ in. high, by 11½ in. wide by 22 in. long, outside measurement. This corresponds very closely with the sizes shipped from New York City, and offered at fifteen cents each by Frank B. Read, 210 Washington street, New York City, which he claims to be the *regulation*

size, and which measures *inside* 9¼ in. high 10¼ in. wide by 20¼ in. long. These are made with ¾ inch ends and ¾ inch sides.

But before ordering these wooden cases we would recommend our friend to write to the Dymont Baker Co., London, for samples of their new case, which promises to take the first place for fancy, tender fruits in all markets.

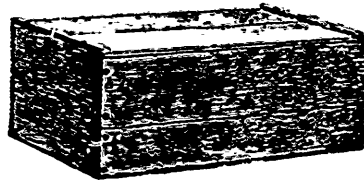


FIG. 2233. THE AMERICAN APPLE BOX.

The outside measurement of this package is 10¾ in. high by 12½ in. wide by 21½ in. long, and consists of a crate, containing four trays of fillers of sizes to fit the grade of fruit which is being packed.

New Uniform Fruit Packages.

1271. Sir,-- Will you please write me a few words and tell me will every one have to put away the berry boxes we have at present, because they don't hold the full Imperial quart?

I have the latest kind that everyone has up till now.

Olinda.

Yours very truly,

ROBERT G. ANDERSON.

The Act providing for the use of uniform baskets for fruit will in no way interfere with the use by shippers of the baskets they have on hand, but it provided that any baskets in use not in conformity with the specified size, be branded with the number of quarts which they do contain.

There is no change in the berry box; in Canada we have always used the well known strawberry box, containing a Winchester quart, or 4.5 of an Imperial quart, and this is now legalized by the Act.

My Garden.

1272. My garden has done better this year. Cucumbers, tomatoes, grapes and potatoes have done particularly well, especially the last, although not generally good in the neighborhood I may also say that I had a few peaches this year.