

trict, all nursery stock is thoroughly fumigated according to law, before leaving the place.

SHIPPING FACILITIES.

For shipping purposes a private siding runs from the T., H. & B. railway, and gives direct connection with the Michigan Central at Welland, and the C. P. R. and G. T. R. at Hamilton. The facilities for shipping will be even better in the near

future, as now there are two electric lines projected through the neighborhood.

Visitors in the Niagara district will be repaid for any effort made to visit these nurseries, as they are well worth seeing. Our representative, after viewing all the plant and inspecting the numerous buildings, could not help but express great surprise at their extent and completeness. This firm has certainly built up a very large business in a comparatively short time.

THE PACKING OF FRUIT

FIRST in importance of our Ontario fruits is the apple. This statement might have met flat contradiction a few years ago, when the available markets were glutted and prices low, and many apple orchards were rooted out. Especially were the early apples unsaleable, and in all our horticultural journals the advice was, "Plant no summer or fall apples for export."

All this is changing, for new markets are opening, better facilities for carrying the fruit are being provided, and for our early apples cold storage on cars and steamships is yearly becoming more easily available. During August and the early part of September we have Yellow Transparent, Red Astrachan, Duchess, Alexander and other

summer varieties coming in, and the two former at least promise to yield an abundant harvest. These should not be gathered all at one time, as we do with winter apples, because they ripen more unevenly. In our own Astrachan orchard we make at least three pickings of the main crop, in addition to a previous picking of prematures. These latter sell well in the market, put up in 12-quart baskets, because they are the first offered. We have had well colored premature Astrachans sold in Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal at 75 cents a basket, which pays well for the trouble of climbing over the trees for the scattered samples showing red cheeks.

With Astrachans selection of fancy stock



A Building Which Holds 500,000 Trees.

The large cellar erected last year by the Brown Bros. Company, Nurserymen Limited, which is probably the finest of the kind in Canada, is here shown. This building is fully described in this issue. (From a photograph taken specially for *The Horticulturist*).