

we have had as many as 34 agencies. About one-third of the cities report daily the price which is being paid and their reports are placed in the hands of the growers."

"Our members," said Mr. Pettit, "are nearly all large shippers. Most of the shareholders in Essex county live near Leamington, Kingsville or Walkerville. All kinds of fruit are handled, starting with early berries. Three per cent. covers the cost of the secretary's expenses, office rent, etc. The growers are sure of receiving the

money for their sales as the company guarantees the price.

"We ship for about 300 growers in the different counties. Our business has run from \$75,000 to \$100,000 per year. While the company is not making money, its financial basis is better than for 15 years."

Among the leading directors of the company are Mr. Murray Pettit, of Winona, president, and Messrs. A. H. Pettit, of Grimsby; Robt. Thompson, W. H. Bunting and Andrew Haines, of St. Catharines.

Likes a Shallow Box

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FOR 15 years I have been shipping apples in boxes 12 inches wide and nine inches deep. I have three grades, large and small sound fruit and a number two. I am compelled to have the packing done by women. It is difficult to see well and place apples properly in this box, which is only nine inches deep, and for this reason it is a mistake to have the box deeper.

Twelve inches is rather narrow for two reasons. The larger the surface or face the better the appearance, and in turn the higher the price. A flat box piles better in the storeroom or in a car, and carries better on a wagon.

I always press so as to have a bulge in the centre of the top and bottom and put a cleat on each end to protect this. The boxes should not be piled crosswise, as then the weight comes on the bulged part of the box and the fruit is bruised.

A uniform package is needed, but I hope the new box adopted by Parliament will prove more practical than the standard basket, which is too large for cherries, currants and plums. It is necessary that time be given to dispose of the old stock of boxes before the new law comes in force.

Fruit for Huron County

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A Huron county correspondent asks for the names of five of the best plums, three cherries and three grapes for his district; also for suggestions as to what are the most rapid growing trees for shade to plant near the dwelling.

I would recommend the following five varieties of plums as most likely to give satisfaction: Burbank, Bradshaw, Imperial Gage, Lombard and Reine Claude. These are given in their order of ripening and cover the season fairly well. In cherries I would recommend Montmorency, Early Richmond, and Windsor. The following varieties of grapes are the best representatives of the three colors, red, white, and black: Lindley, Niagara, and Worden.

The shade trees which make the most rapid growth when young are not always the most satisfactory when old, or do not usually live as long as many of the slower growing trees. The Ash Leaf maple, or as it is sometimes called, the Box Elder, or Nagundo, is one of the most rapid growing shade trees, but it is not nearly so satisfactory after 20 or 25 years as the maple or elm. The soft maple is another rapid grower, and either of these may be planted for immediate effect, but I prefer to plant white elm or hard maple if soil is suitable, and wait a little longer for results.