

A British Importer's Suggestions

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Last season was an exceptional season in the apple trade. Owing to the scarcity of all kinds of fruit all over the world, prices were realized then that could not be taken as a guide in an ordinary year. Big prices were made throughout the season for good stuff, and even inferior apples did well. Some Canadian shippers took advantage of this, and shipped apples that would not pass as first quality in another year. The weather, of course, which prevailed in Canada last year was detrimental to the crop, and I hope this year it will be very different.

Large quantities of box apples arrived here from Oregon and the Yakima Valley districts, and made good prices. These would not have done so well, however, had it not been for the shortage of Canadian apples. I don't see why Canadian shippers do not pack some of their selected fruit in boxes, as some buyers prefer box fruit.

Now that there is an established demand for apples, they are wanted in October, and the most popular fall varieties are Snows, Fameuse, McIntosh Red, etc., and the winter varieties which sell best here are Spies, Kings, Baldwins, Russets, Starks, and good clean Greenings.

There is every prospect of a good season ahead for apple shippers and if a man packs sound, well-graded apples, he need have no fear that they will not do well. Once buyers come to know that a certain brand is good, they will wait on this brand coming in, and refuse all others. Then, of course, it is necessary for a shipper to maintain the good reputation gained for his apples by supervising the packing carefully. If the fruit lands here in good condition, satisfactory prices will be returned.

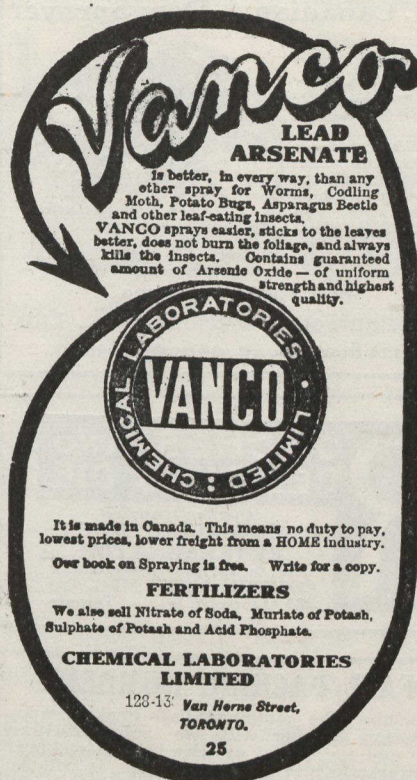
Bulletins and Reports

During the past month a number of extremely valuable bulletins have reached the Canadian Horticulturist as well as some books for review. The latter include a new book entitled "Weeds of The Farm and Garden," by L. H. Pammel, Professor of Botany of the Iowa State College. This book comprises some three hundred pages, is profusely illustrated and is one of the most complete treatises on weeds that has yet been issued. It is published by the Orange Judd Co. and may be purchased through The Canadian Horticulturist.

A second book, entitled "The Canadian Garden," is by Mrs. Annie L. Jack, who has been contributing recently to The Canadian Horticulturist including this issue. This is an attractively printed book and deals simply with the best methods of planning and caring for the garden and lawn, considerable attention being given also to the growing of fruit. It contains much valuable information, especially for amateurs.

The bulletins include one entitled "Hardy Apples for the Canadian Northwest," by Wm. Saunders, until recently the Director of the Experimental Farms. It is bulletin 38 and deals with the progress being made in breeding hardy apples for the West.

Most useful information for beginners in apple culture and even for experienced growers is contained in Bulletin No. 4 by A. G. Turney, Horticulturist of the Department of Agriculture for New Brunswick. It is entitled "The Establishment of Apple Orchards and Their Care up to the Tenth Year." The subject is dealt with at considerable length, numerous illustrations being used. This bulletin is printed on rather inferior paper and when compared with the other bulletins we receive from all



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