

dred and fifty men. The value of this work may be more fully realized when it is stated that in this way one hundred and fifty thousand formerly neglected apple trees have had their first season of attention.

The assistance that work of such magnitude will give to those who want to improve their own orchards, and to others who are operating properly, is inestimable, and this is but a start for this company, which intends to lease as many more trees during the coming winter. In fact they state that were it not for the unreasonable attitude of the owners of neglected orchards they would have been renovating this year two or three times as many trees.

This type of man (the owner of a neglected orchard) does not readily lease at a rate which is profitable to the operator, and the would-be operator is compelled to stand by and see the neglect continue its ravages knowing that next year he must offer even less and knowing full well that the owner will take less if he only waits long enough.

On the other hand, many, of course, have been stimulated to improve their own orchards and thereby withdraw their property from the list of leasing orchards, but they are few in proportion, and so the company expects to very materially increase its acreage next year.

In operating the company works through district superintendents, who have charge of a definite list of orchards in one locality and under whom are working foremen and their gangs. This year the company has selected the best men available and further improved them by instruction. Next winter it is planned to have these men take a course in special instruction on the renovation of old apple orchards, so that for next year's work this company will have a corps of instructed and trained men who, when turned out to operate on 300,000 trees, will make a wonderful increase in the total apple production of Ontario. One of its officials states that this company, in addition to making a monetary success of its undertaking, will be the greatest single factor up to date in the improvement of the apple industry of Ontario.

\$5,000 Prize for Sweet Peas

The prize of \$5,000 offered by the London Daily Mail for the best bunch of sweet peas, shown at the Festival of the Empire, Crystal Palace, London, Eng., was won by Mrs. D. D. Fraser of the Manse, Sprouston, Kelso, Roxburghshire; the second prize of \$500 went to Mr. H. W. Richards of Ryde, Isle of Wight, while the third prize of \$250 fell to Rev. David Denholm Fraser, the husband of the winner of the first prize. The blooms in the winning bunch were carmine, pink, and maroon, and they won because they were the best grown, best in size, color and condition, and because there were four blooms on each stem. Of the 38,000 bunches received 10,000 were on view at the Festival of Empire. The awards were made by ten judges. In the first prize bunch the award went for length of stem and size of bloom.

The winning bunch comprised a group of eleven stalks—one beneath the maximum number allowed, and the blooms ranged from pale pink, through shades of rose, down to the darkest purple. Another interesting collection was that of artificial sweet peas, done in various materials, frilled paper, silk, muslin, and so forth, all marvellous imitations of the real flowers.

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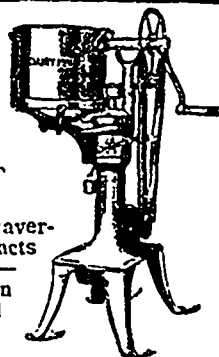
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