

that one man can know it all by himself.

We have too many farmers who have no hunger or thirst for knowledge. They want money bad enough to work like slaves for it in a blind way, but not enough to think, read and study for it. It is just that lack of a desire for better farming knowledge that holds them down, and it always will hold them down. The farmer is no exception to other men. No man ever increased in fortune and the estimation of his fellow-men by reason of his lack of knowledge.

HORTICULTURE

Marketing the Strawberry Crop

S. K. Thompson, Kings Co., N.S.

Many farmers, who believe that a small strawberry plantation would add considerable to the revenue of the farm are deterred from starting a patch because they are at a distance from a good market. If they are near a rail-



Interested Farmers Learning How to Spray and How to Prune

In each of the six demonstration orchards in the Georgian Bay District, Ont., practical demonstrations were given for the benefit of those who wished to learn. The illustration shows those who attended the meeting in the orchard owned by Mr. W. Hamilton, Collingwood, Ont. Photo by I. F. Metcalfe.

road station there need be no trouble about the market. We are five miles from the station and 80 miles from our market, but we find a half acre of strawberries a very profitable investment.

We ship all our berries to the same merchant and we find this the most satisfactory way as our customers come to know the quality of our fruit. We pick the berries in the morning and ship in the afternoon. They are in the dealers' hands by night.

We sell two grades of fruit. The berries are graded in picking. Berries of fairly large size, regular in shape and neither green nor too ripe are classed as No. 1; these command three to five cents a box more than the No. 2 berries. We never put green berries or those over-ripe even in our No. 2 boxes. The very small berries are kept at home for preserving.

We ship in crates holding two dozen quart boxes. On each quart box is printed the name of our farm with the post office address. Customers now look for our trade mark and are willing to pay for what they know is certain to be good. Even when strawberries are most plentiful we have no trouble in disposing of ours at good prices.

We believe that any farmer who will take proper care in picking and grading his berries can do as well as we have done, but he must prove that he has the high class article before he can expect particular attention and special recognition for his fruit.

Renew your subscription now.

Profit in Co-operation

The Co-operative Fruit Growers of Ontario, who held their annual meeting in Toronto on June 14, handled for their members last year \$4,000 worth of goods such as spraying outfits, arsenicals, fungicides and fertilizers. The various associations were able to obtain goods of the best quality for the lowest possible price. It is probable that a very large supply trade will be worked up with the local associations.

It was decided to again issue a pamphlet giving the names of the various co-operative associations and distribute it in possible markets as in former years.

It was also decided to seek incorporation under provincial laws and plans were made whereby capital would be subscribed. The central association would sell for all local associations, an efficient manager being employed.

Mr. A. McNeill, Chief of the Fruit Division Ottawa, advised them to pay particular attention to the quality of their fruit and pack if they wished to establish a reputation for their goods. Associations have an extra good chance to pack well.

The growers present were very enthusiastic as to the future of the co-

operative movement and believed that little trouble would be experienced in disposing of good fruit, well packed.

Summer Spray Material

A large amount of fruit each year is seriously disfigured by Bordeaux rust. It is not advisable to use Bordeaux when the fruit is well advanced towards maturity on account of this injury. A fungicide recommended for late summer spraying is ammoniacal copper carbonate. This does not disfigure the fruit in any way and is an effective fungicide.

This spray material is made by dissolving five ounces of copper carbonate in three pints of ammonia (sp. gr. 26 Beaume) and diluting it in 45 gallons of water. Where a fancy grade of fruit is aimed at Bordeaux should not be used after the fruit has reached a fair size.

During the last three months there have been many inquiries regarding mixed grains for seeding purposes. Many farmers are trying mixed barley and oats, with varying results. In order to demonstrate the value of mixtures, which caused much interest among visiting farmers. Of all mixtures, the Manchecuri barley and Duchesny oats gave the greatest yield in bushels and weighed the heaviest per bushel. We are sure that in a short time grain mixtures will receive the attention which it deserves.



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