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Fruit Combine in the West

Replying recently to the charges that combine exists among the fruit dealers of the prairie provinces, Mr. W. H. Bunting of St. Catharines, stated that the charge was only partly true. In Winnipeg the combine had been broken by the St. Catharines fruit growers.

"Some years ago," said Mr. Bunting, "an attempt was made by American firms to buy up all the wholesale fruit houses in the west. They succeeded in establishing a chain of houses under their control throughout the west. Their object was to control the buying and selling through the western provinces, to prevent others from gaining a foothold. About three years ago, when affairs became so strenuous in Winnipeg that purchasers were at the mercy of the combine, the growers in the St. Catharines Cold Storage Company established the wholesale firm of the McNaughton Fruit Exchange at Winnipeg. Thither the Ontario fruit was shipped. It was sold by auction to the consumer, with the result that people bought direct and prices began to drop. Since then several hundred carloads of Niagara district fruit have been sent to Winnipeg. Last fall two or three carloads were shipped daily, and the combine in Winnipeg was completely broken.

"High freight rates west of Winnipeg have militated against eastern growers fighting the combine in Calgary, Edmonton and other cities. It costs twice as much to ship from Winnipeg to Calgary, a distance of eight hundred miles, as it does to ship from St. Catharines to Winnipeg, a distance of one thousand miles. We are fighting for lower rates, and hope soon to have them reduced. The Railway Commission has asked the C.P.R. to give reasons why the rates should not be reduced. As soon as the rates are reduced to Alberta and Saskatchewan eastern growers will attempt to break the combine's high-handed work west of Winnipeg."

THE WEST ACTIVE

"In the meantime, as far as the more western points are concerned, such as Calgary, Regina, Moosejaw and Edmonton, British Columbia growers through the medium of the Vernon Fruit Exchange, have been working along the same line as we have in the east in a determined effort to place British Columbia fruit in the prairie cities independent of the organization which attempted to corral the trade. The Vernon association has met with very good success and is I believe now on a satisfactory footing and promises to be of great value to British Columbia growers."

Items of Interest

Cherry Lane, a beautiful avenue leading from the roadway to Brown Bros' Nursery offices at Fonthill, Ont., has long been admired for its beauty. It is bordered on either side by cherry trees, one row on each side. The product from these trees this year was 1800 baskets, all of which were sold to the Pelham Canning Company. The price reached over \$1,800. The product was the finest grown in the township.

Quite a number of the orchard owners in the Meaford district, Ontario, have commenced setting out plantations of peaches. Several have put out twenty to forty trees, and some have gone as high as two hundred. The varieties selected are for the most part Triumph, Carmen, Fitzgerald, Elberta and Crawford.

Rev. W. M. Viney, of St. Catharines, succeeded last year in growing a cotton plant from seed sown in the parsonage garden.