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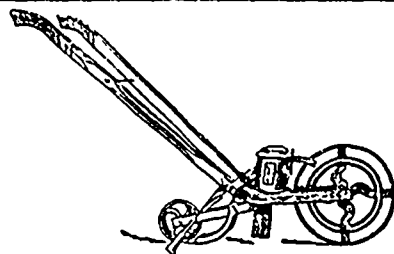
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The services of Mr. Edwin Smith, B.S.A., who has been engaged during the past two years on cold storage and transportation work in British Columbia, have been secured to take charge of the establishment under Mr. Ruddick's direction. Mr. Smith has had special training in fruit work, and is well qualified to carry out the details of such experiments and demonstrations as may be undertaken. He will assume his duties about the first of May.

Poison on Apple Peel

Canadian Trade Commissioner J. E. Ray, stationed at Birmingham, Eng., has sent the following report to the Department of Trade and Commerce, at Ottawa:

The following paragraphs appear in the current issue of the London Daily Telegraph:

Some consternation has been caused by a letter which has appeared in the press on the subject of poison on apple-peel. Mr. Maurice S. Salaman, analytical chemist, has drawn attention to the presence of a deposit of copper sulphate (blue vitriol) with some admixture of lime on certain 'imported apples of excellent quality and flavor.' The analyst's letter says:

'Samples of imported apples of excellent quality and flavor were brought to me today, in my professional capacity, with an inquiry concerning what was described as a peculiar green mildew near the stalk. I proved on analysis not to be a mildew but a deposit of copper sulphate (blue vitriol) with some admixture of lime, and was evidently left behind in spraying the fruit against parasites.

'The presence in appreciable quantity of rank poison, and this of a partially cumulative kind, in fruit largely eaten by children, is so grave a public danger that your assistance is urgently asked in calling attention to it.

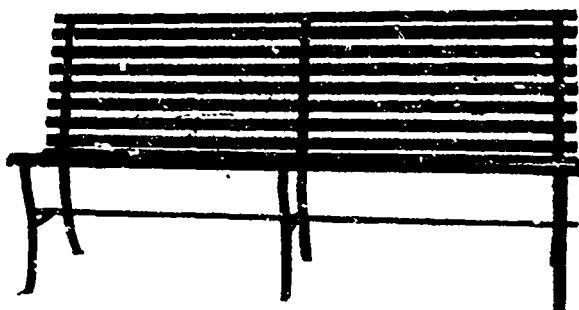
'Apples having any sign of green deposit in the stalk cavity should not be eaten unless peeled.

'But surely some steps should be taken to stop the importation of fruit thus dangerously contaminated.'

An exhaustive examination of the apples now on the market revealed the fact that the only variety affected was the Albemarle Newtown. Unfortunately this happens to be the best flavored apple available at the moment. But all Albemarles have not a poisonous deposit in the cavity which holds the stalk. The bulk have been carefully washed before shipment from America. Nevertheless, nobody is anxious to take the risk of eating poisonous matter, and what need be done is carefully to wash the apple if one is desirous of eating the peel. If in addition the peel is removed then the danger disappears.

In less than a week the first cargo of apples from Australia is due on the market and it is to be hoped that the public will not allow the colonial growers to suffer because of the trouble which has arisen from the American Albemarle Pippin. In any case a peeled apple is quite safe. According to the analyst, no deleterious substance has been found beneath the skin.

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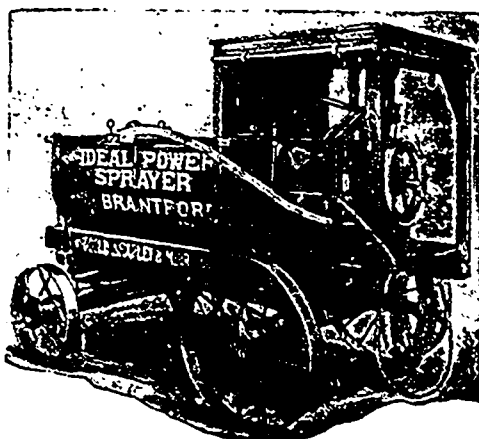
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