

HORTICULTURE

Early Apples Exported

Experimental shipments of early apples to Great Britain have been made this year under the encouragement of the Dominion Government, which lent its aid, not in the form of a subsidy, but in a guarantee to the steamship companies that a certain amount of space would be taken. Hitherto the difficulty in the way of the shipment of early fruit has been, not that there was no fruit to ship, but that the steamship companies would not open their cold storage holds for fruit without the assurance that a hold would be filled. The Government guarantee overcame this difficulty, and the fruit division of the department of agriculture was able to give the assurance to shippers that holds would be available on the "Ontarian," sailing August 22; the "Sisian," August 29, and the "Huron" sailing September 5. The space reserved on the "Ontarian" was all taken up, the shippers sending their fruit under the usual conditions, paying freight, etc., themselves. It is not likely that the government will be called upon to make good its guarantee, or if it does, it will only be for a small amount.

For a long time Mr. McNeill, chief of the fruit division, has been advocating this trade, and the results of the shipments sent will indicate its future. As Mr. McNeill contends, thousands of barrels of apples go to waste every year for the lack of facilities for marketing. The fruit sent to Britain so far has been of the Duchess variety, with a few barrels of choice Astrachans. If this early trade can be established it will extend the apple shipping season of eastern Canada from three to six weeks.—F. D.

Niagara District Exhibition

At the Niagara District Horticultural Exhibition to be held on Thursday and Friday, September 17 and 18, at St. Catharines, the prizes that will be awarded total \$1,400. It is expected that the exhibition will surpass in extent and quality, the exhibitions of the past two years.

The products of the orchards and gardens of the Niagara peninsula will be on display. Reduced railway rates are offered from all stations on the Grand Trunk Railway within a radius of 80 miles of St. Catharines. The secretary is Mr. George Gordon, 18 Queen street, St. Catharines.

Valuable Information on Horticulture

The September number of The Canadian Horticulturist is filled with valuable information for all persons interested in horticulture. In the fruit department there are many excellent articles, such as, "The Picking, Packing and Marketing of Fruit," by P. J. Carey, Dominion Fruit Inspector; "The Marketing of Peaches," by A. L. Stephenson, Niagara Falls South; "The Harvesting and Marketing of Grapes," by G. H. Carpenter, Fruitland; "Manures for Orchards," by Alex. Muir, Niagara-on-the-lake; "Preserving Fruits for Exhibition," by J. J. W. Crowe, Ontario Agricultural College; and many others. There are a number of newsy fruit notes from correspondents in all provinces of the Dominion.

The vegetable gardener will be interested in such articles as: "Commercial Fertilizers for the Market Garden," by F. T. Shutt, Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa; "Growing Cauliflowers for Market," by George Syme, Jr., Carleton Place, Ont.;

"Harvesting Cauliflowers," "Bleaching Celery," "Planting Asparagus," and so forth. There is also an excellent article on "The Culture of Ginseng," by J. E. Janelle, Caughnawaga, Que.

The issue contains also a wealth of practical information for amateur gardeners, for persons who grow flowers and plants for pleasure. In this department of the paper are to be found such articles as "The Dahlia and its Care in the Fall," by Col. H. P. Ban Wagner, Hamilton; "Transplanting Herbaceous Plants in the Fall,"

by J. MacPherson Ross, Toronto; "Roses in Saskatchewan," by G. T. Harley, Prince Albert; "The Fall Care of Lawns," by R. L. Canning, Earlscourt; "Winter Protection for Roses," by C. Craig, Ottawa; "How a House was Improved in One Year," by Mrs. A. G. H. White, Toronto; "Fall Treatment of Bulbs Indoors," by James Bog, Pictou; "The Fall Treatment of Bulbs Outdoors," by J. G. Rose, Brantford; and others of a similar nature. Probably the most valuable feature of the issue, from the amateur's viewpoint, is a page of

lawn and garden hints for September. These tell what to do in the flower, fruit and vegetable garden, and on the lawn, at this time of the year.

The issue is an exceptionally good one. The Canadian Horticulturist seems to improve with each number. Readers of The Canadian Dairyman and Farming World, when renewing their subscriptions, will be sent The Canadian Horticulturist for a year, the regular subscription price of which is 60 cents, if they will enclose 30 cents extra with their renewal subscription.

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