

representing the capabilities of my sunny land that would talk for itself. But they did not go over either to see it or hear it talk. Maybe they were satisfied with what they heard from me, as I must have shown that I felt satisfied with the strength of my position.

Our apple supply is keeping up well, and is coming out of cold storage in pretty good condition. The Northern Spy, McIntosh Red and Fameuse and Golden Russet continue to attract attention. The Baxter and Red Cheek Pippin are also much admired. In fresh fruits we have scarcely kept pace with other exhibitors, whose sources of supply were nearer at hand. What fresh fruit we have been able to put out has been quite equal in quality to any shown. The first case of strawberries that reached us from the experimental station at Ottawa was not in good condition on arrival here. The Baback was quite unfit to put out. Grenville fairly good condition. Maximum a little better. New York and Wm. Belt fair, and Buster best of all. The day following a case of Wm. Belt arrived from Lachine, grown by C. P. Newman, which reached us in fine condition and proved, as long as they lasted, the largest berries in the pavilion. About the same time shipments began to

reach us from St. Catharines. The first lot of strawberries were in poor condition, and only a few were fit to show. The cotton in which they were packed had worked into them, and was difficult to separate from even the best preserved. Those that came later, picked a trifle greener with a thin sheet of paper between the fruit and the cotton, were in much better condition. This packing feature was as true with regard to cherries as to strawberries, the sheet of paper proving an advantage in both cases. All the cherries from St. Catharines, with one exception, came to hand in fair condition, the only exception being one of the early lots in which the cotton had adhered to the fruit, and the cases were quite warm when received. The gooseberries that came to hand from St. Catharines were in fine condition, the Whitesmith proving the largest sample of that variety in the building.

Will you permit me to say that this is the last communication that I will be able to address to Horticulturist readers from the World's Fair, illness at home having necessitated my sudden leaving. The horticultural exhibit will for the balance of the season be in charge of Mr. Henry Knowlton, of the province of Quebec.

PREPARING FRUIT FOR FOREIGN EXHIBITIONS

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IN preparing fruit to be sent to St. Louis, or for any of the Dominion Government's foreign exhibits, it is imperative that it be of really fine quality in every respect. For such fruit this department will furnish all necessary boxes and packing material, with free carriage to the several exhibitions. Printed directions will be given for the intending exhibitor's guidance. Each exhibit must bear the name and full address of the grower, so that he may receive full

credit for the production of his orchard or garden.

The case used is that known as the Wilson Patent. Small fruits and plums will be shipped in a case containing 12 trays, which hold six or eight specimens each. Each individual fruit must be double wrapped in tissue paper and carefully placed in its compartment, having been previously cooled by being placed in an airy position or cool room for a few hours. For peaches