Money Made by Having an Evaporator

HE splendid results that may be obtained by fruit growers with large orchards, through the use of evaporators, is clearly shown by the returns secured last fall by a leading grower in southwestern Ontario, who made enough from his evaporator in two months to pay for its cost, although he paid \$350 for it. This gentleman, who is an officer of a fruit growers' association, was interviewed by The Horticultural Exhibition. He stated that while the information he furnished was absolutely correct, he did not care to have his name used, for fear the people who read the article might for fear the people who read the article might

come to the conclusion that he was exaggerating.

"There are," he said, "30 acres in our orchard. The evaporator we use is capable of handling 300 bushels of apples a day. It cost \$350, and we kept it running for two months, and I believe it paid for itself in one season. Last year was the first season we used it, and its capacity was 100 bushels. This year we enlarged it. By means of this evaporator we are able to save all kinds of windfalls and cull apples that would otherwise be lost. It should

"We keep one to two men busy all the time picking culls and gathering windfalls. Probably 800 barrels of this fruit is saved. In addition to the apples gathered in our own orchard, we buy about 500 barrels from growers in our vicinity. This year we made a profit of about \$1,200 net, which is not too bad when we re-\$1,200 net, which is not too bad when we remember the small cost of the machine which was bought from the Brown, Boggs Company, of Hamilton. The parts of the evaporator cost us as follows:—For each machine we paid \$8.25, and we have six; the slicer for the six machines cost \$25, and three furnaces complete with pipes, \$60 each, or \$180. The building we use for peeling and paring is an old one not worth \$100, that was used for a cellar and storehouse. Were we to build it new it would not cost \$50. Wood is used for fuel which is hought from

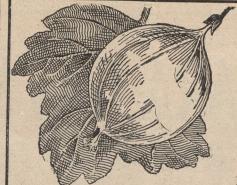
Wood is used for fuel which is bought from an Indian Reserve near our place. Squaws and an Indian Reserve near our place. Squaws and girls do the peeling, and they are paid four cents a bushel for peeling and trimming. All the peelings and cores are dried and in this way there is no waste. Last fall was an exceptionally good one for the evaporators, as apples were scarce and in good demand. We received 8 cents a pound for output, while in 1904, 5½ cents was considered a high price. We sold the output of our evaporators to wholesale dealers in Hamilton, Toronto and New York, who shipped it to Germany. We are now in correspondence with a firm in Germany and trust to be able to sell them direct next year." trust to be able to sell them direct next year.'

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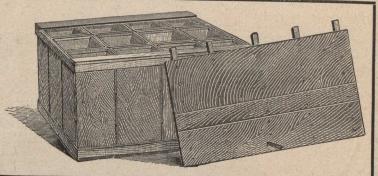
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