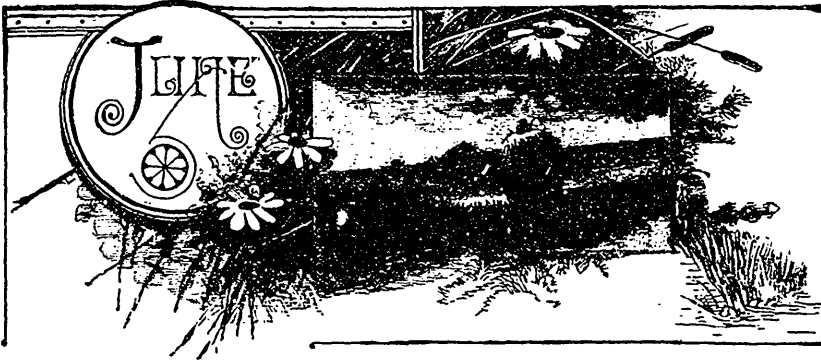


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CO-OPERATIVE TRANSPORTATION OF FRUITS.



DURING the early years, in which the fruit industry had its beginnings in these portions of Ontario which seemed from their favorable circumstances and surroundings to be peculiarly adapted for the production of the various fruits of all the temperate zone, the energies of those, whose bent or inclination led them into this particular line, were chiefly devoted to a study of the varieties of the different fruits which seemed to give promise of best results; and also to endeavor to become familiar with the best and most approved methods of cultivation and propagation. That these efforts have been crowned with a fair degree of success, the extensive orchards and vineyards which stretch away for miles in various directions in many localities, give ample evidence.

In this laudable and praiseworthy

pursuit, the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association has taken an active part, and much credit is due the various officers of the Association in past years for the success which has attended their efforts.

The time has come however, when the average grower of fruit is not looking so much for new varieties and new approved means of culture, although we have by no means reached the limit in either of these lines; but rather, that he may be able to place the fruits which he is now producing in abundance and of a good quality into the hands of an ever increasing number of consumers in our towns and cities, as well as across the sea in the Home Land, in good order with fair despatch and at reasonable cost for transportation. These are burning questions with the commercial fruit growers to-day, and are engaging the best thought of some of the largest shippers in the various fruit sections.

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