

A Special Inspector

The Ontario Department of Agriculture has further aided the co-operative fruit associations the present season by appointing Mr. Jos Backus of St. Catharines as special travelling inspector in barrel packing. Mr. Backus has had considerable experience along the line and has already been on the road for a month.

He reports that almost all of the packers are doing good work. A few exceptions have been noted, but these have all expressed their willingness to learn, and Mr. Backus has been able to give them some valuable assistance. The work of instruction will continue throughout the fall until all of the apples have been forwarded to their destination.

Room for Improvement

Mr. Maxwell Smith, Dominion Fruit Inspector, Vancouver, B. C., is one of the best informed men on British Columbia fruit matters in that province. He is constantly in touch with the growers and dealers and knows the status and the possibilities of the industry. According to the *British Columbia Saturday Sunset*, Mr. Smith finds considerable improvement in the way fruit is packed and marked, although he claims there is room for further improvement in the way in which some of the fruit is handled.

There seems to be no difficulty in growing the fruit, but education is badly needed from a commercial standpoint. Unless the fruit-grower can market his fruit in such a condition that it will compete with all other fruit, the fruit-grower's labors are in vain, for he falls down at the most critical period of the industry. It is noteworthy that Mr. Smith took several of the fruit-growers

aside and give them a few pointers. It is to be hoped that these pointers will in turn bear fruit, as it has long been felt that education along commercial lines was required and if the conditions in this respect can be remedied even to a slight extent, Mr. Smith's efforts will be worth while.

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was a generous opportunity to establish a remedy, which against aphids is the best I have ever seen. I am now making experiments on fruit trees. The island is notoriously San-Jose Scale infested and as the young appear in time to catch all the fruit a safe remedy will meet with tremendous sale. I congratulate you and wish you tremendous success."

It is reported that the Dominion Minister of Agriculture is considering the matter of establishing a fruit experiment station on Vancouver Island.

I think THE CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST is a splendid paper for all farmers and fruit growers, especially for young men just starting in the business. It contains many timely and sensible articles on the cultivation of fruit, and anticipates in a remarkable way what the growers would like to get advice about.—Louis P. Hubbs, Hillier, Ont.

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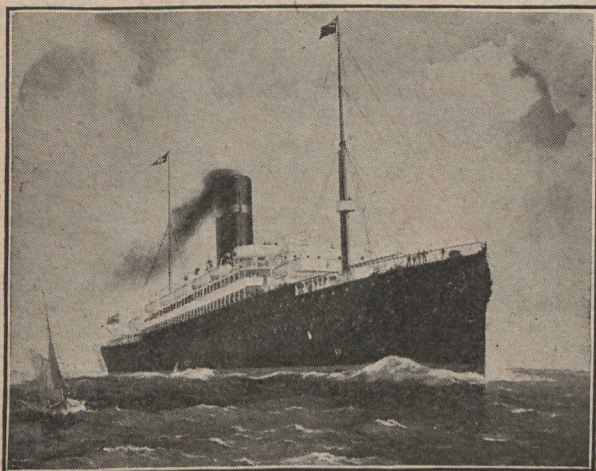
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