

We may caution Canadian growers not to plant largely of these finer varieties of foreign cherries outside the peach belt, for their fruit buds are little harder than those of that fruit ; but there are varieties which they may plant with profit, to which we will refer at some future time.

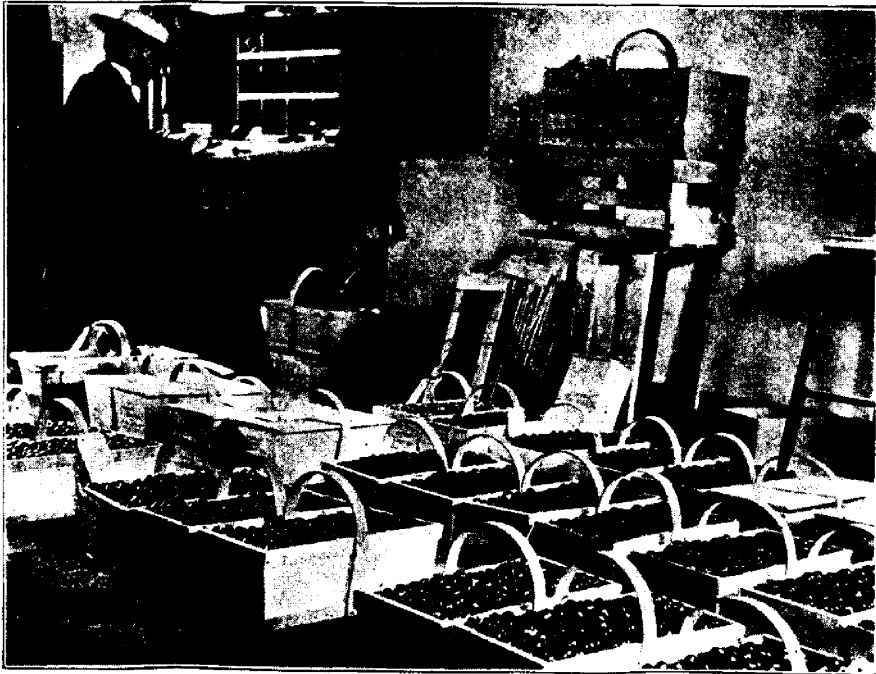


FIG. 978.—MEZEL CHERRIES PACKED FOR SHIPMENT.

Mahaleb Cherry Seedlings are the favorite for cherry propagation with American nurserymen. They are a small, wild tree found on sand knolls and dry rocks, over Western Europe, with white bark, hard, close-grained, dark-colored wood, small black bitter fruit and flowering in short racemes. The wood, leaves, flowers and fruit are so powerfully perfumed that it is known as "the perfumed cherry." The mazard seedling is from the pits of the wild red cherry of Europe ; it is nearly allied to and supposed to be the original form of many of our cultivated varieties. The choke cherry is neither the one or the other, being an American seedling known as the *Prunus Virginiana*. The myrobolan plum from seedling is an imported plum from Europe used extensively by American nurserymen as stocks upon which to graft and bud plums, prunes and apricots.

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