

ation of the perfection to which the gardening art has attained in England.

Mr. J. J. Kelso, superintendent of Neglected and Dependent Children, Toronto, is planning to place from two to three hundred boys now in industrial homes to work on fruit farms in the Niagara District during the summer months. The money earned by the boys is to go towards the support of poor relatives or to the boys' own bank accounts.

Prof. Lloyd, of McGill University, gave an address recently before the Royal Canadian Institute in Toronto, on "Artificial Ripening of Fruit." In the course of his address he changed a bunch of bananas from a green to a ripe condition in less than an hour, by means of the fumes of a chemical substance. Prof. Lloyd claimed that the flavor, aroma and quality of the fruit were in no way injured, and that one of the greatest benefits to be derived through artificially ripening fruit is the fact that it makes it possible to transport fruit over long distances.

The death occurred recently of Colonel Wm. Windle Pilkington, V.D., D.L. Col. Pilkington was the head of the well known English firm of Pilkington Bros., Limited, who have been regular advertisers in The Canadian Horticulturist for years. This firm is one of the best known firms engaged in the manufacture of glass in the world. The home of the late Colonel Pilkington was St. Helens, England, where for many years he was one of the leaders in all public enterprises, and where he held many important positions.

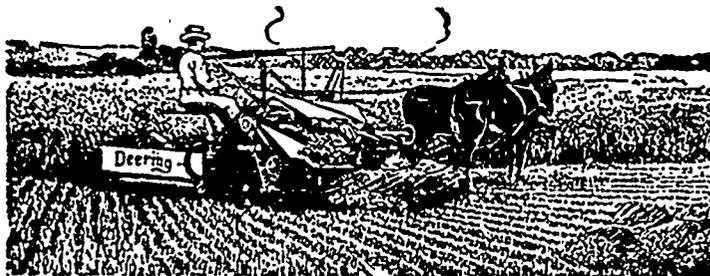
At an open meeting of the Burlington, Ont., Fruit Growers' Association, held recently, addresses were given by Prof. R. Marcourt, of Guelph, and Mr. W. T. Macoun, Dominion Horticulturist, of the Central Experiment Farm, Ottawa. Mr. Macoun stated that Nova Scotia is producing apples at a lower cost than any other part of Canada. British Columbia cannot and does not grow better fruit than Ontario, but they pack it better, and advertise it much more. A letter from Mr. A. W. Peart, of Burlington, was read dealing with the history of the Association and the great factor it had been in the promotion of horticulture in the district.

An effort made by the United Fruit Companies of Nova Scotia, Limited, to establish a Madison Cooper Plant, for cold storage and pre-cooling purposes this year, had to be abandoned owing to the work having been started too late to make it possible for the company to secure the necessary supply of ice. A cheap method, which it is understood has been successfully operated in various parts of the United States for pre-cooling, will be tried with the ice on hand.

At a meeting of the members of the Fruit Union of Summerland, B.C., held recently, a resolution was passed giving shareholders the privilege of shipping privately to consumers any variety of their fruit or produce providing the quantity does not exceed ten per cent. Growers who ship over ten per cent, will not have the right to expect the Union to handle the balance of their crop of that variety. In addition the directors will make whatever charge per box may be necessary towards meeting the cost of overhead expenses.

Reports from various sections of the Niagara district indicate that the peach crop this year, on account of the mild December, followed by the unusually cold spell during January and February, will be decidedly small.

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