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The Fruit Outlook

Mr. Tappan Adney, secretary of the Carleton Co. Fruit Growers' Assn., spent the afternoon of Thursday, 27th., in town in connection with fruit matters. To a representative of the Observer, Mr. Adney said:

I came up to consult with Mr. Miller, and Messrs Keith & Plummer, who with Mr. C. W. Dugan, of Woodstock will probably ship upwards of 7,000 barrels of apples this season, about the adoption of a uniform standard of grades for apples, and am happy to say that a very satisfactory understanding has been reached, which we hope is the beginning of a great improvement in the handling of our fruit and will benefit the producer as well as the shipper. This county now produces much more than all the rest of the Province put together in apples shipped outside the respective counties, with less than one twentieth of the number of trees according to figures of the local Department of Agriculture secured in 1909. With trees thus extraordinarily productive and with quality of the best, the crop has been handled almost as badly as possible—but this has been the case in all eastern orchard countries generally, until the last two or three years. Apples from these same orchards of ours formerly brought in the Boston market \$5 to \$7 per barrel against all competition. Only a few years ago brought much more than what it does now, and in St. John conditions are now nearly as bad as they can possibly be. Some have said the remedy lies in stricter fruit inspection, and there is something to be said about it. But it seems to me that our growers (or many of them) need first to know how they ought to pack. To this end our Assn. circulated among its members the valuable pamphlet on "Apple Packing" issued by the Fruits Division, Ottawa; also the Fruits mark Act; and now the adoption of a uniform gauge by the different buyers will ensure a better understanding on the part of the grower, and the shipper, and the merchant in St. John and elsewhere. The gauge now adopted will apply only to New Brunswick, and if found in this season's trial to be satisfactory, I believe gauges should be adopted for other principal varieties. Gauges of thin board will be prepared with three circular holes respectively 2 1/2, 2 1/4 and 2 inches diameter. An apple that will pass without pressure through the smallest hole will be a "cull", or "not merchantable"; one dropping through the second hole; and larger than the third hole will be Number Three; while one dropping through the first hole and too large for the second, is Number Two. Any apple not passing through the largest hole is Number one. The largest hole is intended to represent "medium" for the variety, and a Number One must not be below medium. But the Mark Act allows a leeway of ten percent for any slightly off size or color, but this must in no case include "culls". The number Two, being "nearly medium" is allowed twenty per cent in similar manner. But as the price a man actually gets for his fruit will be fixed by what he actually packs, it is no advantage to purposely thus undergrade, this leeway is only intended to allow for any error in fast or inexperienced packing, and if he tries running small ones in the middle, even if only ten percent, he is liable to get into serious difficulty. If apples are mixed, they must not be marked simply with the name of the variety, but he must state

what grades are inside, if there are more than one size, as certain marks and no others are allowed, and the packer must put his name and address on each sealed package. By the latest report from the Department at Ottawa, parliament has fixed the penalty for violations at a fine of ten dollars minimum for first, to a maximum of two hundred dollars for third offense, with one month jail in default. "Culls" are also defined as apples much under size, or immature, or wormy, or broken, or in any manner injured so as to cause "material waste" and this last is dangerously near to include windfalls, or shaken apples, which especially in case of New Brunswickers in a short while injures the appearance and therefore the value of the apple. It will be observed that the gauges provide for a Number Three grade. Now under the Fruits Mark Act, practically any kind of fruit may be marked "Three". But with us we have been accustomed to grade as a Three, an apple which is merely small but otherwise merchantable, particularly for an important up-river trade. If carefully graded our Three has a distinct market value. The different shippers will have copies of these gauges for their own use, and if I can do so I will prepare and send gauges to members of the Fruit Growers Association. Gauges however can be made out of cardboard. I need hardly mention it, but many years ago, when F. P. Sharp packed, our Number One was a large and practically perfect apple; much better than Number One is now required to be, because in response to the demand of British Columbia and other many growers who desire to pack a fine desert apple, demanded a grade marked "Fancy". But these must not only be well grown, well shaped, and well colored, but absolutely blemish free. It is the "Box" apple now being heard about, to which a gauge for size does not so strictly apply because the number of apples in the box is marked on the outside which indicates size sufficiently well.

I would like to add that the Fruits Division, under direction of Mr. McNeill, at Ottawa, is in hearty sympathy with our efforts to build up our important industry of fruit growing. They are now sending to this county for reports for their Monthly Bulletin, and by the way, apples are a short crop everywhere except in the Annapolis Valley. So the outlook for good prices has not been so promising for a long time. But our packers must only pack the kind of fruit they themselves would like to buy. What should also especially interest us is the fact that the Federal Government has undertaken a general fruit inquiry. The gentleman selected for the work is Mr. W. H. Bunting, a large fruit grower of St. Catharines, Ont., who has a wide personal knowledge of fruits in all parts of the United States and most of Canada. As you know, we in this county have been regulated to an inferior place as a fruit district in the Province of New Brunswick, in a way which the facts do not justify. So when the intended enquiry was first announced in the newspapers, I took the matter up with the Department at Ottawa that we might not be passed by, and in reply, under date of July 11, the Commissioner of Dairy and Cold Storage, Mr. Ruddick, said: "It will not be possible for Mr. Bunting to go everywhere during the time at his disposal, but I am sure he will not overlook such an important place as

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