

scale. There are no local inspectors and it is left to each individual to spray or not to spray as the spirit moves him.

#### HAS SPREAD IN KENT.

In the county of Kent the spread has been by far the greatest, as it is the exception to find a man who sprays. There is one section of this wonderfully fertile county where the work is done systematically. This is near the city of Chatham, where they have a regular cooperative association and where the spraying is all done by one gang of men who spray not only for scale but continue

spraying for fungous diseases as well. I may say, also, that the packing and shipping of the fruit is all superintended by one man, Mr. W. D. A. Ross, and a more thoroughly efficient and practical man it would be hard to find.

In the scale centre of the county of Essex fairly good work has been done until the present year, when owing to the destruction of a large number of trees by the severe winters the people have become discouraged and I fear very little effort has been made to check the spread of the scale.

## THE FRUIT INDUSTRY OF 'THE DOMINION

A. M'NEILL, CHIEF OF THE FRUIT DIVISION, OTTAWA.

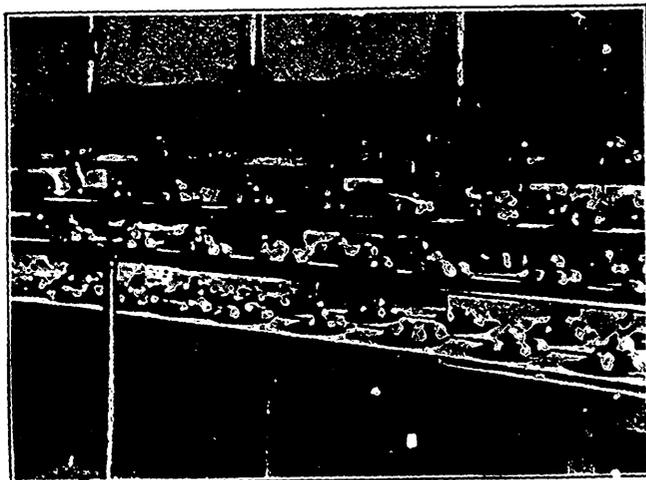
A GENERAL survey of the fruit interests of the Dominion was given at the Canada National Exhibition by Mr. A. McNeill, Chief of the Dominion Fruit Division. The trade, Mr. McNeill said, is in a healthy, perfectly normal, but nevertheless critical condition. Each province has problems of its own. From Prince Edward Island on the east to Vancouver on the west there is a range of climate and soil that gives a great variety of fruits, including the

tenderest apricot at one extreme and the crispy apple at the other.

There is this common experience that production has outgrown the consumption of local markets. Fruit growers, everywhere, are reaching out for the distant market. Many, however, do not realize the necessity of making material changes in their business to conform to the new conditions. It is a common practice to take the surplus that the local market will not absorb and

send it to the distant market with very indifferent success. The fruit arrives in bad condition. Small prices and dissatisfaction is the result. The growers blame the transportation companies and the commission men, who do not fail to retaliate in kind.

As a matter of fact the problem is a new one. Reform must be in the work of all three. The varieties that are most excellent for the one market are not always suitable for the other; transportation facilities good enough for



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