

picked from the tree, and which was removed from cold storage on August 11, was sent to The Canadian Horticulturist recently by J. A. Ruddick, Dairy and Cold Storage Commissioner. It was in practically a perfect state of preservation, the color and flavor both being of the best.

Mr. P. W. Hodgetts, the Director of the Horticultural Branch of the Ontario Department of Agriculture, while speaking at a meeting of the Lincoln Farmers' Institute at Vineland recently stated that there are now 875,000 peach trees in the Niagara district, as compared with 684,000 in 1901. Of these 500,000 are new, and 375,000 old ones; and the increase is but beginning. The eastern area can produce five and ten times the present amount of fruit. Peaches

are now being introduced into Norfolk, Kent and Essex, and even in Lambton counties. The western claim for the reduction of duty on fruit compels growers to be on the alert for new markets.

We are in receipt, from the Helderleigh Fruit Farms and Nurseries at Winona, of E. D. Smith, of sample leaves taken from young trees growing in the nursery. The leaves include those of the Golden Dogwood, *Ampelopsis heterophyllum variegata*, the Variegated *Ampelopsis* and the Japanese Maple. The variegated coloring of the leaves is most unique. The fact that these trees are being grown successfully in the Helderleigh nurseries is of considerable interest.

The Third National Apple Show of the

United States will be held in Spokane, Nov. 14 to 19, and will be followed by an exhibition at Chicago, Nov. 28 to Dec. 4th. The first show in 1908 cost \$41,000. Last year's show cost even more. The people of Spokane have been contributing about \$25,000 a year to the show. The citizens of Toronto contribute about \$1,000 to the Ontario Horticultural Exhibition.

A local paper in Nova Scotia reports that London, England, capitalists are conducting negotiations for the purchase of considerable areas of fruit land for the purpose of growing fruit. It is expected that upwards of \$500,000 may be invested in this way. The work is to be conducted on a cooperative basis. It is intended to market the fruit in London, England.

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