

Australian Laws

A letter from Australia, recently, was received by Mr. P. J. Carey, Dominion Fruit Inspector, Toronto. It contains information of interest. Extracts from it are as follows:

"Our Fruit Marks Bill has been formed on the lines of Canadian Act. There have been several new ideas worked into our bill. The first of these is that it deals with the retail shops, barrows, markets, stalls, and so forth. Another point is that it deals with the sale of potatoes and onions. I do not see any reference to retail trade in your bill. I found the drafting of clauses dealing with the retailers a matter of great difficulty. We have, in Victoria, a clique of growers who are always 'agin the Gov'ment.' They systematically oppose all fruit legislation and continue opposing it even after it has been proved that it is beneficial to their interests.

"Since receiving your letter, I have been lecturing on cooperation. I was called upon to do this at short notice and without any facts or figures to work upon as cooperation is almost unknown here. Thus you will see that I am awaiting the arrival of Mr. McNeill's bulletin on that subject with much interest. It is a difficult matter to handle an unknown subject, but I generally manage to fill in two hours' lecture and discussion. It is well known among members of our staff that we have a lot to learn from Canada and the United States in the way of handling fruit, but at the same time, little is known as to the actual methods pursued in the two countries mentioned. I would be much obliged if you could let me have any pamphlets or bulletins dealing with your system. I will be pleased to reciprocate in any direction if possible. Information on your 'central packing house' system will be very acceptable.

"You asked in your letter for a copy of our Vegetation Diseases Act. I am enclosing same with much pleasure. You will observe that this Act deals with the diseases in the orchard and a small amending Act has since been issued pro-

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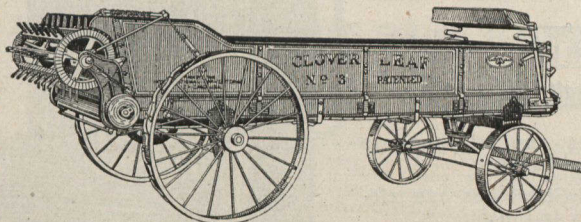
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