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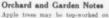
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## Canadian Apples at Manchester

Canadian apples show a decrease in Canadian appies snow a decrease in 1912 of 9,268 barrels to the port of Manchester. However, to Lancashire in general there is an immense in-crease, and from Montreal to Liver-pool alone there was an increase of pool atome there was an increase of 17,000 barrels, and as Liverpool hand-les apples in a much larger way than Manchester, the increase in Nova Scotia apples may be figured when the importations into Manchester alone increased by 22,354 barrels. The decrease here is due to the fact that the brokers in Manchester cut down their direct purchases in Ontario by about 75 per cent; they depended on

It is pleasant to note that the efforts of this office to increase the box trade to Manchester, has met with good results. In 1911 the total shipments of box apples to this port amounted to 1,319 boxes, and in 1912 the total was 4,200 boxes, showing an the total was 4,200 boxes, showing an increase during the past year of 2,881 boxes. Box trade in choice Canadian fruit should be encouraged as much better money will be made for same than in barrels. Another reason is ington fruit finds a large sale boxes, and our fruit packed this way under proper conditions will surely

replace the American.
Canadian canned apples have again found a market in Manchester. There had not been any direct shipments to this port during the years 1910-11, but in 1912 shipments of this commedity amounted to 543 cases



warm days late in March.

Order two or three hundred straw-

Order two or an experience of the property plants. The Senator Dunlap is a good variety.

Purchase a few lilac, mock orange, high-bush cranberry, Black Hills spruce and red cedar to set out this spring

Hot-beds may be started this month. Radishes, lettuce, onions, beets, and squash are some of the

crops that may be planted.

The currant is a good home fruit and needs but little care for good results. Perfection and Red Cross are good varieties.

Orchard trees may be pruned on warm days this month. Do not work when there is frost in the branches

when there is frost in the branches as the tools are apt to be broken.

Do not cover such fine seeds as those of celery or petunais deeply. Often a damp cloth laid over the seed on the soil will be enough.

For early onions sow seed now in flats in the house or hot-bed and

transplant to the open field when the ground is in good condition the lat-

ter part of April.

Old berry boxes, tin cans, and paper pots are excellent for transplanting cabbage, tomato, and other early vegetables into until they can be set in the field.

Several weeks' time may be saved Several weeks' time may be saved in growing muskmelons by planting them in berry boxes in the house or hot-bed early in April and trans-planting to the field when danger of frost is past.

Early cabbage seed may be planted the middle of the month. Early Jerthe middle of the monta. Easily sey Wakefield is a good variety. Sow in a box of finely prepared soil, placed in the window or in a hot-bed. When plowing the land for parsnips and other deep-growing root plants.

plow deep and keep the manure down deep; otherwise you will have a lot



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