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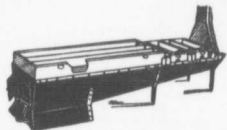
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## HORTICULTURE

### Value of a National Show

Editor, Farm and Dairy.—Ontario should accept the opportunity to hold a National Apple Show next fall at Toronto. I doubt if there will be found a large apple grower who would oppose the proposal.

For several years we have been using the apple box for marketing our crop in the Old Country. This year we have found a remunerative market at home for our boxed apples. One of the developments brought about by our short crop is the placing before Ontario consumers of our boxed apples. Our discovery has been that there is a demand from Ontario consumers for high quality apples. Our local markets have heretofore been supplied largely with low grade fruit, the best being exported. If our short crop will make our Ontario consumer better acquainted with our finer apples we apple growers need never regret it.

### INTRODUCE OUR BEST FRUIT

The point I wish to make is that a National Apple Show at Toronto will help to introduce our high quality apples to Canadians. We have neglected to cultivate the home market as we should. We have wrapped in tissue paper and tied in boxes our choicest apples and been pleased when they sold in the Old Country for from six to 10 shillings a box. This year they are selling here for that much. I believe the home markets have been ready to pay prices fully equal to foreign returns had

they been offered a grade of fruit equally fine.

This season we had U. S. boxed apples offered on our markets. We have seen apples inferior to our Ontario apples selling for more money to Ontario consumers than the home product, and mainly because offered attractively. We apple growers have neglected to cultivate our home markets with high grade apples and the demand is being met by foreign oranges and apples, in which fancy wrappings and packages figure largely.

### THE BOX IS THE PACKAGE

There is no denying the fact that the box is the only package in which to offer a fancy apple to the consumer. Canadian as well as foreign consumers like an apple clean and

fresh to produce a cleaner apple and it would also educate our consumers to appreciate our fruit.—J. A. Webster, Elgin Co. Ont.

### Fruit Men Discuss Tariff

A discussion of reciprocity with the United States in fruit occupied most of the time at the annual meeting of the executive of the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association held in Toronto, January 11 and 12. Opinion as to the benefits which fruit men would derive from reciprocity with our southern neighbor was divided. The apple men who now face a duty of 75 cents a barrel on such fruit as they ship to the States and are only protected by a duty of 40 cents a barrel were unanimously in favor of a reciprocal



Remarkable Returns Secured from Old Time Neglected Orchards

The first class apples in this exhibit at the Ontario Horticultural Exhibition last fall were grown in what were previous to the spring of 1910, the worst of neglected orchards. The work of one season, which consisted of pruning, scraping the trees and cultivating the soil, gave splendid results and returned handsome profits over and above anything ever secured from these orchards before. Hundreds of farmers will be encouraged by these results to properly care for and spray their orchards during 1911.

without bruise, and many are willing to pay for it. The box assisted by paper wrappings can carry such an apple.

Apple growers in Ontario need to wake up to the fact that we can grow as fine apples as can be grown in any country in the world. Our Canadian consumers need to be wakened up to the same fact. The apple should be largely filling the place now filled by oranges, and our governments cannot do anything that would assist the apple industry more than to further a National Apple Show for Toronto next fall. Two things would be accomplished by such a show. It would educate our grow-

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lower duty or complete free trade. The peach men, however, were content to leave the tariff as it is. Canadian peaches going into the States are taxed only one half cent a pound while the Canadian tariff is one cent a pound. The grape growers were willing that the duty should be reduced from two cents to one cent a pound providing that their fruit was allowed to enter the States at the same rate. On the second day of the convention, a committee was appointed to make known to the Government at Ottawa, the views of the fruit men on the question of the tariff. W. H. Bunting and R. Thompson of St. Catharines will represent

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