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The Preparation of Oranges for Market.

A Note and Comment in the Agricultural News points out the large degree of attention that has been given by agricultural authorities in South Africa to matters connected with the shipment of citrus fruit. The importance of standard boxes was strongly emphasized, and in order to show the value of good packing, it was stated that careful shippers during 1912 were getting 17s. 6d. per box of oranges, while careless ones obtained only 3s. 6d. to 6s. 6d. per box. The chances of commercial loss in this direction were, it was pointed out, largely reduced by a system of Trade Commissioners in London and a method of Government inspection of fruit at the seaports of the Union.

It now appears that Rhodesia is hastening to devote attention to the same thing. In the Rhodesia Agricultural Journal for August 1914, the citrus advisor to the British South Africa Company which is largely responsible for Rhodesian interests calls attention to the action on the part of the Union of South Africa briefly outlined above, and gives information as to the best methods of preparing oranges for market, confining these remarks not to the fruit of a highly selected kind known as 'kid glove' varieties, but to the general average standard of fruit produced on the ordinary estate.

After discussing the time to gather fruit, the writer proceeds to describe the appliances required. The importance of the careful use of clippers for gathering is indicated, and it is pointed out that the calyx should be allowed to remain on the orange, for it is one of the hall marks of properly handled fruit. No protruding stub, however, must be left, or it will puncture other fruits coming in contact with it. In connection with picking baskets or bags, it is stated that a wicker basket made flat on one side to fit against the back, and padded inside to prevent the fruit getting bruised is the most satisfactory receptacle. The gathered fruit is put into a grove box next; the fruit must be taken out and put into the groved box by hand and not poured out. No particular pattern of box is necessary, but the boxes should be strong and measure about 13 inches wide by 14 inches deep by 27 to 30 inches long. The pickers should be warned not to fill the grove boxes so full that the fruit lies higher than the top of the sides, so that they can be placed on a wagon one on the other in tiers without injuring the top fruits while carrying them from the grove to the packing house. Also, when filled, they should be moved to the shade of trees while waiting to be loaded.

Because the object of present day fruit growers is to cultivate low-headed wide-spreading trees, the importance of ladders is not as great as it was. In fact every endeavor should be made to employ ladders as little as possible because they tend to cause injury to the trees.

A simple matter which requires, however, careful attention is the curing of oranges. When oranges are first taken from the tree, the cells on the rind are filled with water and expanded to their full extent causing the rind to be brittle and the cells easily broken. In this condition damage during packing would be likely to occur so to remove the moisture from the rind the fruit is kept in grove boxes, which are stacked in tiers around the packing house and the air permitted to circulate freely round and through them. Eventually the rind becomes more tough and leathery and reduced in thickness; in this condition it will stand pressure without bruising or bursting. The length of time required for curing varies according to the humidity of the climate. One danger attendant on the packing of damp fruit is the likelihood that fungi and bacteria may set to work and cause disease and fermentation.

After curing is finished the fruit is graded. The perfect specimens—those without blemish, extra bright, smooth, thin-skinned and of good shape—may be packed separately, and marked 'choice' or 'fancy,' but it is stated that unless the percentage of perfect specimens is fairly high it is best to leave them with the mass, relying upon the higher price the better appearance will command. The work of grading is followed by the operation of sizing. This is done by passing the fruit through a machine which mechanically places the fruits of the various sizes into separate bins provided for the purpose. By a good sizer is meant one that will size fruit (whether round or oblong) accurately according to its diameter, and which will pass the oranges on freely, not allowing them to stick and choke up any of its parts. It must not damage the fruit. It is noted in the article under consideration that although grading and sizing are here regarded as two separate operations they are in actual practice accomplished at one and the same time. That is, the boxes of fruit just as they come in originally from the grove are put into the hopper on the sizer and a man experienced in the work grades them, passing the marketable fruits down the one run-way of the sizer and inferior fruit down the other. Any

fruit unfit for any grade whatever is thrown into the box placed near him for the purpose and this fruit is discarded altogether.

It has already been shown that the Government of South Africa has laid down regulations as to the size of the orange boxes, and a necessity for standardization in Rhodesia is pointed out in the article under review. The points of importance to be observed in making the boxes are that the frames should be made accurate and the parts square with each other or the boxes will be crooked and the inside unevenly divided, which will result in the packed box being too tight or too loose. Instructive details are given in connection with the making of these boxes but space will not permit reproducing the information here. Turning next to the actual packing, it is stated that paper is required which should be thin, strong and contain as little oil as possible to enable it to absorb and throw off moisture rapidly. The paper can be purchased from dealers cut into squares ready for use in standard sizes. To facilitate the removal of oranges from the bins into which they have rolled from the sizer, a movable stool is provided to enable the packer to reach the fruit easily. Coming to the operation of packing itself, detailed information again is given on this subject. If the wraps have a design upon them they are placed in the paper holder with the design downward. With stool box and paper holder placed in position the packer takes a wrap with the tips of the fingers of the left hand allowing it to spread out over his palm; with the right hand he takes an orange from the bin and puts it, blossom end on, into the paper on the palm of his left hand and with the right gives the ends a twist and places it in position in the box. The first two layers of fruits are placed in the box with the twist of the paper upwards; after they are placed with the twist downwards. This brings the fruit in proper position in case the bottom of the box is opened by mistake in the market.

The manner of placing the fruit in the box to suit the nine different packs and to fill the box exactly and tightly to the proper level which is from 1-2 to 3-4 inch above the edge of the box is indicated in a diagram accompanying the article which shows the arrangement of a layer of oranges of different sizes in crates.

The Louisiana Southern Railway.

Mr. Mark Anthony, district passenger agent of the Gulf Coast lines of the Frisco System, is displaying his energy and ability in working up the business of the Louisiana Southern Railroad now that that section of the state is becoming so popular to visitors who are desiring to examine the lands of the famous Lower Coast orange country and in a letter states to us as follows:

Regular round trip tickets on sale daily bearing ten day's limit: Fannie \$1.50, Belair \$1.60. Week end rates, on sale Saturday and Sunday returning Monday. Fannie \$1.05, Belair \$1.10. Saturday afternoon and Sunday, returning Sunday. Fannie \$0.85 and Belair \$0.90. Business men's tickets, containing 62 rides for calendar month. Fannie \$14.50 and Belair \$15.00. 20 ride Commutation books, limited 62 days from date of sale. Good for purchaser only. Fannie \$8.00 and Belair \$8.50. 30 ride Family Commutation books, limited six months. Fannie \$16.50 and Belair \$17.55.

Those who are traveling shorter distances than we generally do or who desire to go clear through to the Court House, the whole fifty miles and are willing to commit themselves to the purchase of a given number of tickets can doubtless make similar arrangements to those offered to Fanny and Belair by Mr. Anthony.

The morning train leaves the city at 7 o'clock and runs through to Pointe a la Hache, reaching there about 11. Returning in the afternoon leaving Pointe a la Hache at 2 o'clock, it reaches the city at 6 o'clock in the evening. The evening train is the fast train, leaving New Orleans at 4:30 and getting to Pointe a la Hache before 7 o'clock. It leaves Pointe a la Hache at 7 o'clock in the morning and reaches the city at 9:30.

American Rice Production.

THE U. S. Department of Agriculture has recently issued its December estimate of the crop report of the Bureau of Crop Estimates of the acreage, production and value of the important farm crops of the United States for in 1914, 1913 and 1912, based upon the reports of correspondence and agents of the bureau. This report covers rice, concerning which it is reported that in 1914 there were 694,000 acres in rice. The production of rice was about 34.1 bushels per acre and the value of the rice was placed at about 92.4 cents per bushel.

The report for 1913 covers an area in rice of 827,100 acres with 31.1 bushels per acre, valued at 85.8 cents per bushel. For 1912 an area of 722,800 acres is reported, the yield per acre being 34.7 bushels per acre and the price of the rice 93.5 cents per bushel.

The Secretary of Agriculture has issued an order effective January 1, 1915 prohibiting the importation from all foreign countries of citrus nursery stock, including buds, scions and seeds, except for experimental or scientific purposes by the Department of Agriculture.

This action is taken to prevent the introduction into this country of citrus canker and other citrus diseases found to exist in foreign countries and liable to be introduced on nursery stock.

The fierce-eyed little man stepped across the street car aisle and whispered into the ear of the tall chap in a gray suit.
"You'd better wipe that bit of egg off your chin. The income tax man is just two seats in front of you."—Indianapolis Star.

CHARTER OF R. M. MURPHY COMPANY, INC.

United States of America,
State of Louisiana,
Parish of Orleans,
City of New Orleans.
Be it known, that on this 9th day of the month of December, in the year A. D. 1914,
Before me, Eraste Vidrine, Notary Public, duly commissioned, qualified and sworn in and for the above-named Parish and State, personally came and appeared the several persons whose names are hereunto subscribed, who each and all declared:
That, availing themselves of the laws of the State of Louisiana on the subject of the incorporation of corporations, and especially of Act 267 of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana for the year 1914, they have and do by these presents organize and constitute themselves into a corporation and body politic in law under the following stipulations and provisions, which they hereby adopt as their articles of incorporation or charter, to-wit:

ARTICLE I.
The name of this corporation shall be R. M. MURPHY COMPANY, INC., and its domicile is hereby declared to be at Venice, in the Parish of Plaquemines, State of Louisiana.

This corporation shall have and enjoy corporate existence and succession for and during a period of ninety-nine (99) years, unless sooner dissolved.

ARTICLE II.
The objects and purposes of this corporation and the nature of the business to be conducted and carried on by it are hereby declared to be the general contracting business inclusive of all businesses allied or growing out of said general contracting business, except the business of banking and insurance and all of their several forms, homestead building and loan associations, also except any business or purpose which might characterize this corporation as a public service corporation. The corporation shall have power to own, lease, buy, sell, mortgage land and generally deal in and develop the same; it shall have power and authority to operate, own or lease and run one or more commissaries or stores and may do all that pertains to country business; it shall have power to own, operate and conduct all lines of transportation and means thereof in its contracting business, including the right to own, operate or to charter or lease boats, barges, dredges and all equipment necessary or incidental to any character of its contracting business, together with the right to do anything that may be necessary or incidental to the accomplishment of the objects and purposes hereinabove recited with the right to own stock in other corporations.

ARTICLE III.
The capital stock of this corporation is hereby fixed at the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00), none of which shall be preferred, and which capital stock shall consist of five hundred shares of a par value of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) each. The capital stock of this corporation may be subsequently increased to one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00).

Full paid stock of this corporation may be issued in settlement of services or things of value actually acquired by the corporation when the same shall have first been appraised by the Board of Directors of the corporation as provided by law.

ARTICLE IV.
All the corporate powers of this corporation shall be vested in and exercised by a Board of Directors composed of three (3) stockholders of this corporation, elected annually at a meeting of the stockholders held for that purpose, which meeting shall be held at the domicile of the company on the first Monday of October of each year beginning with the first Monday in October, 1915, notice of each meeting shall be given to each stockholder, either personally or by depositing at least fifteen (15) days before such meeting a notice in the postoffice properly addressed to the last known address of each stockholder as shown by the books of the company.

Within ten (10) days from the issuance of the certificate of incorporation by the Secretary of State, the stockholders of this corporation shall meet and elect a Board of Directors.

The first Board of Directors as hereinabove constituted shall hold office until the first Monday in October, 1915, or until their successors shall have been duly elected and qualified.

The Board of Directors of this corporation shall, immediately after their election and qualification for office, select from among their number a President, a Vice President and a Secretary-Treasurer, and they shall continue in office until their successors shall have been elected and qualified. At all elections under this charter each stockholder shall be entitled to cast one (1) vote, either in person or by written proxy, for each share of stock standing in his name on the books of the company, and this right of voting as to membership on the Board of Directors shall be cumulative.

Said Board of Directors shall have power to appoint agents and employees for this corporation and to remove the same at pleasure, and they shall have power to fill any vacancies in their number and shall make such by-laws from time to time, and amend the same, as they may deem expedient.

ARTICLE V.
This charter may be amended, the capital stock increased or decreased, or the corporation dissolved as provided by Act 267 of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana for the year 1914.

This done and signed at my office at New Orleans, Louisiana, in the presence of Messrs. John Dymond, Jr., and A. Giffen Levy, competent witnesses, after due reading of the whole, the subscribers to this corporation hereby amending their names, the amounts of stock respectively subscribed by each, and hereby declaring this to constitute their stock subscription list.

Name, address and number of shares:
Richard M. Murphy, New Orleans, La., three hundred (300) shares.
R. S. Leovy, Venice, La., one (1) share.
Chas. A. Brown, New Orleans, La., one (1) share.
(Signed) ERASTE VIDRINE, Notary Public.

Witnesses:
JOHN DYMOND, JR.
A. GIFFEN LEVY.
I certify the above to be a true copy of the original charter of the R. M. Murphy Company, incorporated, on file in the archives of my office.

(Seal) Notary Public.
Recorded, Parish of Plaquemines, La., on this 12th day of December, 1914, in Book of "Charters," No. 1, folio 24, of this Parish.
(Signed) ERNEST ALBERTI, Clerk of Court.

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7th Ward—.....
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