

already been made for the distribution of the crop. It is most desirable that growers should, in their own interest, thoroughly test this scheme at the earliest opportunity in order that the facilities provided may be continued, and, if necessary, gradually moulded to fit the circumstances. It should be recognized that the first move in this direction is to advertise, either by circular or in the newspapers. Inquiries made by consumers have indicated the demand along these channels, but they have been unable to take advantage of the system because they did not know the classes of fruit available, definite sources of supply, and the prices demanded. Investigation has also revealed the fact that fruit-growers' associations generally are not yet sufficiently united to operate under the scheme, and that the work must be done by individuals, but doubtless this condition will not last much longer.

May the time soon come when the advantages of co-operative marketing will be recognized as they should be, and when the innumerable brands, grades, and cases are simplified and standardized, so that the goods may be given that cheaper and quicker despatch so necessary in successful fruit-distribution, and consequently profitable production.

DEPARTMENTAL DISPLAYS AT SHOWS.

OWING to the very heavy demand made by departmental exhibits on the time of the expert officers of the Department, and the cost involved in the preparation, it has been decided to restrict the number of shows to be attended. In future two main displays will be made each year—one in the North Island and the other in the South Island. The former will be made alternately at Palmerston North and Auckland; provided that should the Auckland Agricultural and Pastoral Association not be holding a winter show in the year in which its turn falls the display will be made at Hamilton. In the South Island the main display will be made at the Dunedin Winter Show. In addition to these main displays, two other exhibits (one in each Island) on a smaller scale will be made each year at the following places, taken in rotation, if the necessary arrangements can be made: North Island—Hamilton, New Plymouth, Hawera, Hastings, and a northern town such as Whangarei or Dargaville; South Island—Invercargill, Nelson, Blenheim, Christchurch, Timaru, and Ashburton.

During the coming winter-show season exhibits will be made at Palmerston North and Hamilton in the North Island, and Dunedin and Invercargill in the South Island.