

OTTAWA PRAISES B. C. APPLES

Those who are sometimes inclined to criticize the Okanagan Valley apple pack may find it interesting to read the following editorial from the Ottawa Journal of recent date. This newspaper says "as a rule the specimens that are large and sound, carefully picked and graded and packed, come from British Columbia." The full comment follows:

"A reader of this paper tells us he has been looking into the apple situation, from the consumer's point of view, with results that were annoying if not surprising. He wanted to buy good Ontario eating apples. At a number of stores he found nothing but Ontario Macintoshes, which were supposed to be No. 1 but actually were poor, scrubby specimens, many of them small, bruised, dirty and untempting.

"On the other hand, says our informant, the oranges displayed everywhere were uniform in size according to their grades, clean, well-colored—and he says most people were buying oranges.

"It is an old grievance, and well-founded. There are shops, of course, where good apples can be had, but as a rule the specimens that are large and sound, carefully picked and graded and packed, come from British Columbia. We have not the least objection in the world to B.C. apples, but it is curious, to say the least, that it should be so difficult—in fact it is impossible—to find Ontario apples of comparable quality in the province where they are grown.

"Perhaps the good apples are exported, and our own people must be content with a lesser quality—or eat oranges. If that is the case the soundness of such a policy may be questioned. It is important, of course, to develop external markets for our products—but there is a big market right at home which would buy first-grade Ontario apples if they were to be had."

PENTICTON BEATS OLIVER

PENTICTON, B.C., Feb. 1.—When Penticton and Oliver senior B. hoops