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COMMISSION AGENTS MUST KEEP RECORDS

Hon. John S. Martin Gives
Detailed Explanation of
Consignment Act

PROVIDES FOR 'FAIR DEAL'

A detailed explanation of the Ontario Government's Fruit and Vegetables Consignment Act, 1927, is given by Hon. John S. Martin, Minister of Agriculture, in a brief as follows:

"This act lays down the procedure in reference to the handling of fruit and vegetables on commission. It is in accord with the practices of the best and possibly most of the commission men in this Province, but at the same time it provides machinery by which the shipper of fruit and vegetables may assure himself that he is getting a fair deal.

"Under this act, the commission agent must keep a record of each consignment of fruit and vegetables received and the person to whom it is sold and the amount received. This record shall be open to the shipper or his representative. In this way the shipper will be able to satisfy himself that he is receiving the return properly coming to him in connection with the sale of his products.

"It is further provided that if a shipment is received in a damaged condition, the shipper shall be immediately notified and if no notice is given the shipment shall be held to have been received in a normal condition. Immediately on receipt of any shipment, the commission agent must advise shipper of the same and he must moreover remit payment as soon as sale is made or at most within ten days.

"Furthermore, no commission agent shall purchase any fruit or vegetables forwarded to him to sell on commission unless he has first clearly obtained the consent of the shipper to such purchase."