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BIG CANNERY PLANT AT BURLINGTON IS READY TO OPERATE

FIRST UNIT OF BIG PLANT IS COMPLETED—PLANS BEING MADE TO CELEBRATE OPENING OF CANNERY

The first unit of Burlington's \$50,000 modern canning plant is practically completed and ready for the opening of the canning season. The main building was completed some time ago, and the finishing touches are now being put on the brick structure to be used as an engine and boiler room. The interior woodwork has been painted during the past week, and all the machinery for the plant is on the ground and is being rapidly installed. The plant is modern in every respect, and is so built that it can be conveniently enlarged as its business increases. The company backing the plant has contracted sufficient acreage of fruit and vegetables to practically assure steady operation throughout the season.

The fruit growers, farmers and business men of Burlington and vicinity are making plans to properly celebrate the opening of the plant, and committees have been named to make the necessary arrangements for the celebration. The tentative program provides for talks by well-known public speakers and fruit experts, plenty of good music, and a big mid-day dinner for all who come. The definite date for the celebration has not been set, but will be announced within a short time.

New canning plants are also being constructed in Sedro-Woolley and Mount Vernon, and it is expected that both will be completed in time for operation during the 1920 season. Both seem certain of all produce suitable for canning that they can handle. The canning plants of the lower valley will

undoubtedly prove a large factor towards stimulating the fruit and berry growing industry in this county, as they assure a steady and sure market for prospective growers.