

WILLCARDO FRUIT CO.



AMONG the most beautiful and complete estates in the State of Florida are the "Willcardo Groves," located at WINTER PARK. "Alabama Lodge," the residence of the president of the Willcardo Fruit Company—Mr. William Chase Temple—is on both of the lakes, Maitland and Osceola. Every convenience and luxury that experience and money can furnish is here, beside all that nature, in her happiest mood, can add to make an ideal home place. Beautiful lawns, rare plants, sunny slopes, magnificent parklike forest of Magnolias, Pines, Palms, Live Oaks, moss-draped Cypresses—hundreds of years old—vie in their beauty and splendor with the glossy, emerald, waxy foliage of the Orange and Grapefruit, while broad-leaved Bananas whisper softly in the gentle, spicy breezes of the Southland. Yet, the modern telephone, electric light, private gas plant, complete sewerage system—two systems of water supply, one from the soft waters of the lakes for laundry and lavatory purposes, the other from a well, drilled far into the living rock, which underlies the whole State, furnishes crystal-clear, pure drinking water which is piped to every one of the five bathrooms and eight lavatories on the place. Truly this is a "Home for the gods," in which the sweetest efforts of nature have been assisted by the ablest efforts of man. No pictures can do it justice, but fortunately the owner gladly welcomes visitors to his lovely places, and they can thus see for themselves what can be made of the natural beauties of WINTER PARK.

The other Willcardo Grove—"Sunnyside"—is located at the head of Lake Maitland—comprises sixty acres of land, about fifty acres in bearing citrus trees from which 15,000 boxes of fruit have been shipped in a single season. The "Mansion House" contains eighteen rooms. The refectory contains dining-room, kitchen, and seven servants' rooms. Latticed summerhouse, boathouse, pump house, and barns, of course. The view of the surrounding country from the big, square, glassed-in cupola at the top of the "Sunnyside" residence is well worth while.

Mr. Temple was at one time mayor of WINTER PARK, was the first president of its Board of Trade, was one of the founders of the Florida Citrus Exchange, and for three years its general manager—those darkest years of stress and storm, 1910-13—and is one of the greatest friends WINTER PARK ever had.