

does in some districts, and protect the progressive fruit grower.

In several provinces of Canada the provincial governments have enacted laws that more or less cover the difficulty. British Columbia has a law that makes spraying compulsory. The Nova Scotia Government is helping the fruit growers fight the brown tail moth. Inspectors are sent out to destroy the nests and bounties are offered for the same purpose. In Ontario the municipalities may appoint local fruit inspectors, and provision has been made for the appointment of provincial inspectors as well.

The fruit growers of Canada require a system of inspection that will be thorough. They believe that a well organized corps of inspectors is needed and that their appointment should rest with the provincial governments. By avoiding the appointment of local men in a district a more impartial inspection is secured. Moreover, fruit growers believe that the inspectors should have authority to compel the destruction of wild fruit trees and similar nuisances where these are a source of infection. In addition, a law making spraying compulsory in the leading fruit districts is required.

These provisions would fill a long felt want. The Ontario Fruit Growers' Association has placed itself on record as favoring thorough provincial inspection of orchards. The destruction of roadside pests should not be overlooked.

Reports received by The Canadian Horticulturist show that Mother's Day was more generally observed this year than ever before. In many towns and cities, difficulty seems to have been experienced by the public in obtaining flowers, the florists in many instances having been sold out by noon. It is evident that the day is making a well-deserved place for itself in the national observances of the country. As there is always likely to be a shortage in the supply of cut flowers at a time when there is such an unusual demand the use of pot flowers on Mother's Day should be encouraged. This is quite in harmony with the general idea of the day which for a long period in the Mother Land was observed by the giving of any form of present.

A glance at the reports published on this page of the work being done by various horticultural societies in Ontario will serve to show that greater interest is being taken this year in the work of a number of the prominent societies than ever before. The St. Catharines society has long been noted as one of the best managed and most successful in the province. It is encouraging, therefore, to see that the St. Thomas society is beginning to challenge its pre-eminence, and that it has already passed it in point of membership. The indications are that the membership this year of the horticultural societies of Ontario as a whole will be considerably the largest on record. Their value to Ontario will be increased in proportion.

Every year reports are received of fruit growers who have been swindled by enterprising agents of practically unknown nursery concerns. In the Niagara District, where these games have been worked time and again, one would expect that the growers by now would be wise enough, before ordering nursery stock, to investigate thoroughly, where necessary, the standing of the firms with which they proposed to

do business. The fact that a large number of growers in the Niagara District have recently been caught napping by a United States concern indicates that we still have many growers who are not as careful on these points as they should be.

PUBLISHER'S DESK

Our frontispiece illustration this month shows a package of British Columbia strawberries ready for market. Last month our cover illustration showed May blossoms in a Nova Scotia orchard. The Canadian Horticulturist circulates freely in both districts. Could anything better illustrate its national character?

Last month we announced that at the solicitation of The Ontario Beekeepers' Association, we had undertaken to publish a second edition of The Canadian Horticulturist which would be known as The Canadian Horticulturist and Beekeeper and which would contain some five pages of matter of special interest to beekeepers. The first issue appears to have been received with general satisfaction by the beekeepers. This month's issue of The Beekeeper will be even better. During May we purchased The Canadian Bee Journal, published at Brantford, Ontario, which for over twenty-one years has been the recognized exponent in Canada of the beekeeping interests. The circulation of The Canadian Bee Journal has been merged in that of The Beekeeper. It is our intention that The Beekeeper shall continue to fill the place in the beekeeping interests of Canada that has always been held by The Canadian Bee Journal. As the subscription price of The Canadian Horticulturist and Beekeeper is \$1.00 a year readers of The Canadian Horticulturist who desire to have their subscriptions changed so that they may receive instead The Canadian Horticulturist and Beekeeper will be expected to remit the difference in the price of the two publications. Sample copies of The Beekeeper will be sent free on request to those applying for them.

This month's issue of The Canadian Horticulturist is being mailed to the largest number of paid subscribers we have ever had. We are also printing the largest number of copies that have ever been run off the press for any one issue. Last year the average paid circulation of The Canadian Horticulturist for the year was eleven thousand and fifty-seven. The June issue a year ago had ten thousand nine hundred and forty-six paid subscribers. This year the paid circulation of The Canadian Horticulturist with its second edition, The Canadian Horticulturist and Beekeeper, is twelve thousand six hundred and eighty-four. The number of copies of the two editions that have been printed is fifteen thousand one hundred. As new subscriptions are coming to hand rapidly from all parts of Canada for both editions we expect to soon be able to announce the establishment of still higher records. We know that the readers of The Canadian Horticulturist like to hear of the progress we are making and it therefore gives us pleasure to be able to report such facts.

Never before has The Canadian Horticulturist given its advertisers such good service as at present. This is due in part to the natural but decided increase that

has taken place in the circulation of The Canadian Horticulturist, in part to the extra increase in circulation that has been brought about by the launching of its second edition known as The Beekeeper and in part to the improvement that has been effected during the past couple of years in the editorial standard of the articles published. For these reasons, as well as for the fact that these improvements have materially increased the cost of publication, it has been decided to advance the advertising rates of The Canadian Horticulturist, including The Beekeeper, on and after August 1st next, to ten cents a line, or one dollar forty cents an inch. This is a flat rate, and will apply to all contracts. Advertisers who desire to do so may contract for space for one year only in advance from the thirty-first of July next at our present low rate of only nine cents a line, or one dollar twenty-five cents an inch. Those advertisers who take advantage of this offer will be assured of receiving great value in the service we will give them, as they will reap the full benefit of the rapid increase that is taking place in the circulation of The Canadian Horticulturist with its second edition The Beekeeper.

Lack of space prevents our outlining in this issue the special articles that will be a feature of the July number of The Canadian Horticulturist. Our readers are assured, however, that they will be unusually interesting. The illustrations also will be high-class.

SOCIETY NOTES

We invite the officers of Horticultural Societies to send in short, pithy reports of work that would interest members of other Horticultural Societies.

St. Thomas

The St. Thomas Horticultural Society does not believe in "letting the grass grow under its feet." Last year it had a membership of some three hundred. This year it is aiming at one thousand. Already over seven hundred have been obtained.

This spring it has carried on a whirlwind campaign in the interests of home gardening and city beautifying. The prizes offered are generous and cover fourteen classes, such as home vegetable and flower gardens, lawns, school gardens, and factory premises. Dr. F. E. Bennett, the president, is inspiring everybody with his enthusiasm. It is expected the final membership will well exceed the thousand aimed at, which will make the society considerably the largest in the province.

Ottawa Flower Guild

The work of the Ottawa Children's Flower Guild is coming in for much favorable comment. Besides having their minds instilled with the beauties of nature and the need of pleasant home surroundings, the children are impressed with the value of good citizenship and of taking a pride in their country. For this purpose, the children are taken to visit the Houses of Parliament, the conservatories, the parks, and the Museum. Such a society is worthy of all encouragement.

Mr. R. B. Whyte, the president, is as-
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