

cattle eat this species quite readily, belonging to Leguminosæ, belonging to a large, useful class of plants. Clover, vetch and peas are included in this family. If you carelessly run up against a plant in seed enough of seed pods will adhere to your clothing to sow a good sized garden. This species is quite a good garden herbaceous plant. The flowers are purple and much larger than any other species.

The roots are very wiry; I should think it would be very difficult to plow under if well established. I have grown this plant for quite a number of years. What attraction this plant had for visitors I cannot tell, but they were sure to find it out to their sorrow.

A. GILCHRIST.

The Plant Distribution.

SIR.—I am much pleased that the plant distribution is still continued as we consider the plants received worth half the price of the Horticulturist, and would sooner pay something extra than have them discontinued. The raspberry of 1897 distribution was so laden with berries last year that the branches hung to the ground with the weight of them. The Crimson Rambler of the year following had one cluster of eleven roses last summer, each rose perfect, and the first in bloom remained until the last bud opened two weeks later.

Toronto.

MRS. T. P. IVENS.

Fraud in Fruit.

SIR.—I have just been reading the report of the Annual Meeting, and I think the Association deserves small credit for leaving the Fraud in Fruit question at fairs in such an unfinished state. To me it seems that a fair is more for the encouraging of fruit growing and the educating of the growers than to display to the public what can be grown, though this is a great object, so that the encouraging or allowing of this professional exhibitor is a fraud and an injustice to the grower. Now, I think the only way to knock out this gentleman is for the district branches to take his place. It is their duty to gather up all the best produce in the dis-

trict and exhibit at the provincial fair, so that district may compete against district and province against province. In this way we would learn which district or province could produce the best of any kind of fruit, and what variety of that kind was most suitable. All care should be taken to give the exhibitors confidence of justice, for the best class of exhibitor does not complain, only he does not compete again.

Vernon, B.C.

THISTLE BURR.

Dishonest Packing.

SIR,—I must confess to a great degree of disappointment that your amending reading of Sec. 3 of the Government fruit inspection regulations proposed by the Whitby growers in session assembled should so easily satisfy you.

Although a little better than the original draft, perhaps, it will, in my humble opinion, utterly fail to remedy this crying evil.

If, as claimed in my published article in your March number, "an ounce of prevention" for the obvious reasons pointed out is worth *far more* than a "pound of cure," how much can the "mouse," which, after much labor the "mountain" of Whitby growers has brought forth, be expected to accomplish?

Everybody in this "Empire days" of which we are all so justly proud is expected to display a flag; would it not also be a fitting time for loyal orchardists to raise a war standard of their own? May I offer a design? If so, here it is for consideration while waiting for a better one: A spray of apple blossoms in each corner, a fine cluster of apples in the centre, and surrounding the latter in a large upper half circle this motto: "CONFISCATION AND PUBLICATION FOR DISHONEST PACKERS."

That the principle upon which this sentiment depends will eventually animate the large majority of the apple growers of the Dominion in their legitimate and proper demand for efficient Government inspection is my firm belief.

Yours truly,

Danville, P. Q.

GEO. O. GOODHUE.

Our Affiliated Societies.

GODERICH.—At a meeting of this society Mr. W. Warnock read a paper on "Man's duty to discover and improve trees and plants good for food or for ornament."

WOODSTOCK.—Mr. Bacon's lecture was highly appreciated. Too little attention has been given to growing flowers by amateurs about Woodstock, except by the few, as for example Mayor Scarff, and a few others.

ORANGEVILLE.—Notwithstanding counter attractions a good audience was present on Friday evening, the 30th, to hear Mr. Bacon's lecture on

bulbs and bulbous plants. The Orangeville orchestra contributed some splendid musical selections.

HAMILTON.—The Hamilton Horticultural Society is about to distribute several hundreds of potted plants among the children of the public and separate schools. A card with detailed cultural directions will accompany each specimen and premiums (not money) will be awarded for best grown specimens in the fall.

STIRLING.—Mrs. Jas. Boldrick was again elected president at the annual meeting. Her address