

## THE SAN JOSÉ SCALE.

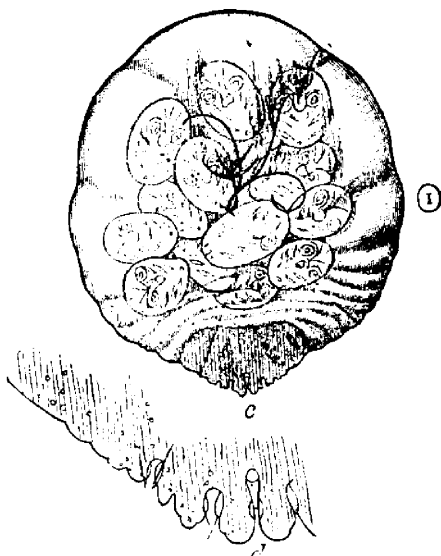


FIG 1284. — SAN JOSÉ SCALE.

**I**N response to the earnest request of our Association, the Minister of Agriculture for Ontario has introduced a bill to prevent the spread of the San José scale, which in its amended form, has received the full sanction of the House. The importance of this act of Parliament is so great that we give the full text of it in this issue, and earnestly beg the hearty co-operation of members, and of our readers everywhere, in carrying out its provisions. Those who received advance copies of the Act at our meeting at Waterloo, will notice that certain changes have been made, with the object of making the bill still more stringent. The object is to stamp out this pest in those few sections of Ontario into which it has been introduced upon United States nursery stock; and if this can be done by Provincial legislation, we hope to keep out further importations by a Dominion Act. With this in view a committee of our Association has waited upon the Hon. Sidney Fisher,

and are encouraged to expect that prompt and speedy action will be taken.

### *An Act to prevent the spread of the San José Scale.*

Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, enacts as follows:—

1. This Act may be sighted as *The San José Scale Act*.

2. In this act the word "Minister" shall mean the Minister of Agriculture for the Province of Ontario.

The word "Plant" shall mean any tree, vine, shrub, or any part of a tree, vine, shrub or plant, the fruit of any tree or plant.

The word "scale" shall mean the San José Scale insect in any of its stages of development

3 No person shall import or bring, or cause to be brought into the Province of Ontario, for any purpose whatsoever, any plant infested with scale

5. For the purpose of scientific investigation the Minister may from time to time, by writing given under his hand, except such persons as he may deem proper, from the operation of the two preceding sections, and while acting under such permission, such persons shall not be subject to the penalties imposed by this Act.

6. Any person having reason to suspect that any plant in his possession, or in his charge, or keeping, is infested with the scale shall forthwith communicate with the Minister in regard to the same, and shall furnish the Minister with all such information in regard to the source or origin of the said infestation and the extent and nature of the same as he may be able to give.

7. Whenever the scale exists, or is supposed to exist on any plant, the Minister may direct a competent person to make an examination and inspection and may order that any plant so infested, or such part as he may deem advisable, shall be immediately destroyed by burning either by the person appointed to make the inspection, or by the person owning or having possession of the said plant or some other person so directed in writing, and the person so directed shall make a full report to the Minister in writing as to the nature and extent of the work so performed, together with a fair estimate of the value of the plant destroyed.

8. For the purpose of enforcing this Act, it shall be the duty of every inspector appointed under *The Yellows and Black Knot Act* to make careful examination and inspection for the occurrence of the scale within the municipality to which he is appointed, and to report forthwith to the Minister every case of infestation and neglect to make such report shall render the inspector liable to the penalties imposed under section 11 of this Act.