

## THE BELLEVILLE NURSERIES

SOME of Canada's leading nurseries have recently been described in *The Horticulturist*. Among these must be included the Belleville Nurseries, at Belleville, managed by Mr. W. C. Reid. While the area of these nurseries seems small, when compared with the mammoth nurseries in the Niagara district the firm fills a field peculiarly its own. Being situated in Eastern Ontario, it is able to produce stock specially adapted to the requirements of that portion of the province. The number of varieties handled being comparatively small enables the management to make a specialty of those produced.

"My object," said Mr. Reid, to an editorial representative of *The Horticulturist*, who recently visited these nurseries, "is to get hardy stock which will suit the northern

climate, and then secure the very best variety of this hardy stock. When I started here some eight years ago, with about two and a half acres, many people said that nursery stock could not be grown successfully at Belleville. However, I have succeeded well enough to now have about 35 acres in nursery stock of different lines.

The home nursery consists of six acres, all of which are inside the corporation. Practically all of these six acres are planted in ornamental stock and comprise evergreens and shrubs of different kinds. One fine block of Norway spruce averaged three to five feet in height when the representative of *The Horticulturist* visited the place, while another block averaged 18 to 24 inches, making a total in all of about 20,000 trees. Besides these Norway spruce, the



**Norway Spruce at the Belleville Nurseries.**

A block of Norway Spruce growing in the Belleville nurseries is here shown. This variety of spruce is a very popular evergreen from Europe which is being extensively planted in this country. It is valuable for wind breaks, screens and hedges, and is well known as one of the best evergreens for ornamental purposes. (From a photograph taken specially for *The Horticulturist*).