

As a remedy we spread a sheet under the tree, giving the tree a sudden jar causing the beetles to fall to the ground, where they remained dormant for a short time, giving ample opportunity for destroying them. We found that by going over the trees every day the trees could be kept comparatively free and save the crop.

I had specimens of the beetle forwarded to J. R. Anderson, of the Department of Agriculture. He in turn forwarded them to James Fletcher, of Ottawa. I enclose a copy of Mr. Anderson's letter, as well as one from Mr. Fletcher.

Yours, etc.,

E. HUTCHERSON.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Office of the Board of Horticulture,

VICTORIA, June 29th, 1894.

Sir,—The following is a copy of a letter from Mr. Fletcher regarding the beetles attacking blossoms, and are, as I suspected, the parents of wire-worms:—

"Your letter of May 28th was duly received, as well as the enclosure from Mr. Hutcherson and the accompanying beetles. These latter are as you state, Click Beetles, the parents of the injurious wire-worms. This is the same species (*Corymbites carcinus*) which was mentioned in my report for 1892, page 146. The remedy proposed by Mr. Hutcherson was perhaps the best that could be tried."

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. R. ANDERSON.

E. HUTCHERSON, ESQ.,
Ladner, B. C.

WIRE-WORMS.

(*Melanotus communis* and *Arigotes mancus*, for it appears by Bulletin No. 4 of the Experiment Station of Washington that there are both species in that country, and therefore presumably in this.)

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