

In British Columbia we are fortunate in having the last roses of summer blooming outside well into December, if not into January, but a visit to the Nurseries at "Royal," near Vancouver, gives one an insight into the number and variety of beautiful flowers that can be had to brighten the home in these shortening winter days.

The office of the Royal Nurseries Ltd., is at 710 Dominion Building, and the store at 2410 Granville Street, but for a fair idea of the extent of the industry of this company, one requires to visit the Nursery grounds. These are forty acres in extent, and have many buildings specially suited for the various departments of the work. The hot-houses are divided into different departments, the carnation house for example being two hundred feet by twenty-eight.

While the collection of plants and flowers at the Nurseries at Royal is naturally of the first importance, and in extent and variety second to none in the West, one remarkable feature of the Nurseries is the well, which yields 25,000 gallons of water per day. We gathered from the practical man in charge that the water supply is one of the best assets of the nursery. By this we would not suggest that the Nurseries are "watered stock," but rather that, even in British Columbia in winter, stock (under cover) needs watering. Then with our attractive dry summer climate the utility of an excellent water supply on the spot needs no comment.

Those of our readers who think of selecting potted plants or flowers for gifts might do well to visit the nurseries, but if they think fit to give directions by phone as to the selection of flowers or plants, we are confident they can rely on a thoroughly satisfying service. We understand that at this time roses and azaleas in varied shades may be ordered, and that attractive Christmas pans have been prepared made up of tulips and ferns, mixed. Flower lovers know, of course, that chrysanthemums and carnations can also be had to beautify the home during the festive season.

