

The Brown-Tail Moth

A notice has been sent from the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, to nurserymen and to the press pointing out the possibility of the brown-tail moth gaining an entrance into Canada through the importation of nursery stock from Europe. Already this pest is to be found in Nova Scotia. To aid in controlling it there and in preventing its spread to other provinces from that and other sources, the following extract from the 1906 report of Dr. James Fletcher, late Dominion Entomologist, is reprinted:

"The brown-tail moth which has been the cause of enormous loss in Europe and the United States, is undoubtedly established in one locality in Nova Scotia and probably in several others. It is important to find out the range of infestation; and everybody is urged to send in any suspicious nests of insects, or clusters of leaves webbed together, particularly if they contain caterpillars, whenever any are noticed on their trees.

"The collection of the winter nests is the

best and easiest means of controlling this insect. The collection of these nests must be done carefully, with a little handling as possible and all should be burnt at once when cut from the trees. This work must be done before the buds burst.

"Any trees bearing nests of the brown-tail moth, after the buds have opened, must be sprayed with some poisonous mixture for the destruction of the caterpillars.

"The establishment of the brown-tail moth in Canada is a serious matter, affecting everybody in every district where the insects occur. What is now only a matter of considerable interest, may if neglected, become a public calamity. Specimens for examination may be sent to the Entomologist, Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa. If so addressed, no postage is required.

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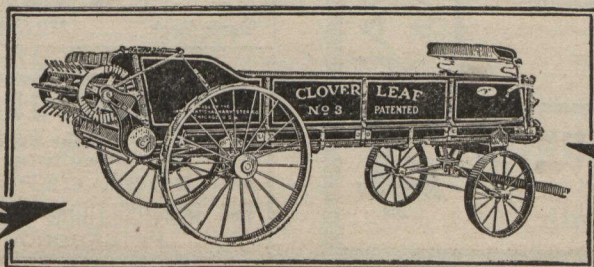
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