

Spraying.

Now is the time every fruit grower should have his spraying outfit and material all ready for use and on the first mild day, just as the buds are beginning to open, should give his orchard a thorough spraying. If one observes carefully they will find the bud moth present, and although care must be taken to use the proper quantities of ingredients, this month and the next is the time when most of these mites can be destroyed, for

when the foliage is on the trees it is more difficult to get at them. I have found this time better than later on, especially for scale insects. We are using whale oil soap with blue stone for the first application, and will add Paris green for the next and subsequent applications. I am also using crude oil on some trees that are troubled with bark lice, as it seems more penetrating than the soap. I tried it on a few trees last year with satisfactory results.

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OUR AFFILIATED SOCIETIES.

Paris.—An excursion is proposed by this society to visit the O. A. C., Guelph, certainly a good example for all our horticultural societies, who would find much to interest them in the extensive greenhouses in Prof. H. L. Hutt's department.

The society also donated some thirty trees and forty shrubs to be planted on the new South Ward School grounds, which command a fine view of the Grand River.

Orillia.—The joint committee of the Town Council, Board of Trade and Horticultural Society has addressed a circular to the citizens of Orillia asking their co-operation in beautifying the town, by planting shade trees, caring for the boulevards, refraining from throwing waste paper in the streets, and improving the appearance of private property. The committee also calls attention to the Town Council's offer to place stone along the front of boulevards, where stone is provided by property owners, which can be done at about fifteen cents a foot; also to the offer to plant shade trees at twenty-five cents apiece.

London.—London, Ontario, is taking up the movement for beautifying the city, on lines similar to what has been proposed in Orillia: The movement to improve the appearance of the city by yet better kept lawns and gardens is taking root rapidly. Yesterday morning the Rev. Dr. Bethune called on Mayor Beck and said that the committee appointed by his Worship to prepare conditions for the proposed competition had already conferred and would soon have their report ready. They will include therein only those who do not employ assistance in the care of either garden or lawn. Citizens who can afford to secure help, they think, should not need any special stimulus. There is talk, Dr. Bethune said, of changing the name of the London Horticultural Society to that of the City Horticultural and Improvement Society. Members are now actively at work along this line. Some have taken up the effort to secure the con-

sent of factory owners to the planting of vines that will eventually hide bare brick walls; others to get the consent of the civic authorities to the placing of window gardens in public buildings, and so on. Mayor Beck believes the City Council another year might give a grant of \$100 or \$200 to the work of the society.—*Free Press.*

Local Fruit Growers' Associations.—The *Cobourg World* says: Last week local branches of the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association were successfully organized at Grafton, Colborne and Brighton. The object of these local associations is the dissemination of information in reference to the fruit industry of this district so that our people may become more conversant with the best and most profitable methods of planting, cultivating, growing, harvesting and disposing of their garden and orchard products. Each member receives the valuable reports issued annually by the Fruit Growers' Association and Experiment stations, also the horticultural bulletins sent out by the Department of Agriculture from time to time.

The officers of the new association were elected as follows: Grafton—President, W. Winter; Vice-President, Jno. L. Grosjean; Secretary-Treasurer, T. Hoskin; membership, 20. Colborne—President, N. T. Lowe; Vice-President H. Purdy; Secretary, G. M. Peebles; Treasurer, K. J. Rutherford; membership, 35. Brighton—President, Jno. Jones; Vice-President, H. J. Scripture; Secretary-Treasurer, J. D. Sanford; membership, 40.

Pleasant, practical and profitable addresses were given at each meeting by Mr. G. C. Caston, of Craighurst, President of the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association; Mr. Elmer Lick, Oshawa, Director for District No. 6; Major H. J. Snelgrove, Colborne, Director for District No. 5; and Mr. H. G. Vroom, Middleton, Annapolis County, N. S. Mr. P. J. Carey, Cobourg, Dominion Fruit Inspector, was also present. A demonstration in orchard practice, pruning, grafting, etc., was given at each place.