Items of Interest

Practical lectures are to be delivered in the Dairy Building at the Canada National Exhibition, Toronto, at 2.30 p. m. during the fair. Those of special interest to readers of The Horticulturist are "Drainage of Farm Lands," by Prof. J. B. Reynolds, O. A. C., Guelph, September 1; "The Fruit Industries of the Dominion," by A. McNeill, Chief of the Fruit Division, Ottawa, September 2; and "Farm Forestry," by E. J. Zavitz, O. A. C., Guelph, September 6.

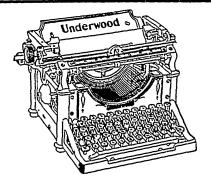
The extension of markets division, Department of Agriculture, has received information to the effect that the government of Cape Colony, South Africa, intends to enforce more strictly the existing regulations against the introduction of apples injected with the disease known as "black spot" (fusicladium dendriticum), or other fungous or insect diseases. Exporters of such fruit from Canada are warned that shipments found to be so infected will be liable to confiscation and destruction without compensation, under the provisions of the import regulations.

A close watch is being kept by the fruit inspectors of British Columbia for discased fruit that Vancouver fruit dealers unite to boycott the Yankee dealers unless the fruit is guaranteed. Mr. Lyne knows California conditions and says that there is plenty of healthy fruit to supply the needs without dealers trying to make a few cents more by selling such culls as have been sent.

The beautiful hydrangea which is pictured on the front cover of this issue is owned by Mr. S. E. Arnold, of Smith's Falls. This is a variety suited to indoor culture, known as Hydrangea Hortensis, the special name of this specimen being Otaksa Monstrosa. At the time the photo was taken there were 95 clusters. Mr. Arnold started this plant about 17 years ago from a small slip, and has given away many slips from it since then. It is kept outside during summer and allowed to become dry and lie dormant in the cellar over winter. Once every two or three years it is repotted.

An interesting case was settled at Lorne Park recently. Mr. W. C. Peer had contracted with the distributing company for all his berries at seven and a half cents, but was offered more elsewhere and decided to break the contract. An injunction was laid to prevent him selling to any other party, and he ultimately consented to abide by the contract for the remainder of the season.

Last autumn Messrs. R. B. Whyte and W. T. Macoun published a bulletin on "Bulb Culture for the Amateur," under the auspices of the Ottawa Horticultural Society. As it will soon be bulb planting time again, the authors would



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