

Fall Flowering Shrub.

1211. SIR,—Please tell me of some flowering shrub for the fall that grows five or six feet high, and that would be hardy for this point.

Port Dover.

D. LAW.

We know of nothing better than *Hydrangea paniculata grandiflora*. This is a beautiful shrub, one that succeeds every time up on St. Joseph Island, in Lake Huron. It grows about 8 feet high and blooms in August and September, when very few shrubs are in flower. The flowers are white and borne in great pyramidal panicles a foot long.

Plums Rotting.

1212. SIR, On receipt of this kindly inform me what will prevent my plums from rotting on the trees. They commence to rot about the time they begin to ripen.

Blenheim.

G. R. GRAINGER.

This is one of the serious difficulties of the plum grower, especially in the case of such varieties as the Lombard which is very susceptible to it. Thinning the fruit before maturity is an excellent plan, for it prevents the spread of the disease from one fruit to another, and at the same time increases the size and improves the quality.

In addition to this, spraying with Bordeaux is specific treatment for plum rot and this should be done both before and after

blossoming, and again after a fortnight or so.

Importation of Nursery Stock.

1213. SIR,—In the Order in Council re importation of nursery stock, page 48, Canadian Horticulturist, you do not give the dates during which in spring and fall the goods may be imported. Would you please give me the dates during which importation is allowed.

Kingsville, Ont.

C. R. MATTHEW.

The dates for St. John, St. John's, Niagara Falls, Windsor and Winnipeg are March 16th to May 15th, and October 7th to December 7th; and at Vancouver from October 15th to March 15th.

Beggar Weed

1214. SIR,—On page forty-two of the January number of the Canadian Horticulturist, 1900, there is an article written by Capt. E. A. Wilson, on the subject of using "Beggar Weed" as a foliage plant, etc. Can you tell me whether that was tried last year in your vicinity, or as far north as this part of the country, and if so, whether the result was satisfactory, or in other words did it prove to be an available legume for this climate. I know it is fine, and will bear Mr. Wilson out in what he said of its merits for such purposes in the south, especially in Florida.—Very respectfully,

Lockport, N. Y.

E. ASHLEY SMITH.

We have mislaid his address, but we think that Capt. Wilson is an American, we think of the Southern States, so that his experience would be no guide to us at the north. We do not know of this plant having been tried in Canada.

Open Letters.**Transportation of Fruit.**

SIR I notice in the February number of the Horticulturist in connection with the article on the Brantford meeting, that in reporting for the Transportation Committee I am made to say that it is impossible to put 20,000 lbs. of grapes or mixed fruit in an ordinary car owing to the light weight of the fruit, and consequently the shipper is unable to take advantage of the reduction of the C. L. rate in the case of grapes. This statement, Mr. Editor, is incorrect and misleading.

The report stated that the committee had succeeded in obtaining a reduction in the classification of grapes in car-loads of \$1.00 per ton equal to \$1.00 per car-load of 20,000 lbs., also the privilege of loading in the same car mixed fruits such as peaches, pears, plums, grapes, in

baskets, and apples in barrels, in order to make up a car-load, and the various packages to bear their respective car-load rates. This privilege was largely offset, however, and destroyed by the restriction that in such cases 24,000 lbs. shall be a minimum C. L. This is a manifest injustice as it practically prevents putting in a few barrels in a car-load of fruit from time to time at a reasonable rate unless the minimum be raised to a limit where there is too great a body of fruit packed together for the proper and safe carriage of same.

A few of the principal changes in the present tariff and arrangements that the fruit industry requires and which should be granted by the R.R. Companies are as follows:

1st. A more reasonable rate for the carriage of fruit to the Northwest provinces at present the rate is equivalent to one half or more of the usual