

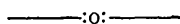
season, but the plum and cherry crop was almost a failure and hence no experiments could be made.

As this fungus works very much as Apple Scab there is no reason why the fungicides for that disease should not prove effective. But treatment should begin soon after the petals have fallen, and should be continued till nearly the ripening period."

In addition to the remedies recommended by Prof. Pammel I would suggest the use of a weak solution of copper sulphate, say 1 oz. in 25 gallons of water.

I shall be glad to receive any additional data regarding the progress and life-history of this fungus. It is of special importance to fruit growers in the Ottawa Valley where we are debarred by climatic conditions from growing many of the *Prunus domestica* family of plums bearing fruit of finer quality but less vigorous and hardy in constitution.

It may be mentioned that this is a new disease and although it has received considerable attention from economic botanists during the last three or four years was only described by Felix von Thümen in 1887.



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SNOW BIRDS.—The first Snow birds of the season were seen on the 24th October, when a large flock of about 200 alighted on the Experimental Farm. Another flock was noticed by Mr. John Craig at St. Hubert, Que., on the 22nd October.—J. F.

NATIVE SONG BIRDS.—Mr. Charles Hughes, who has been spending the summer at Wakefield, in the Laurentian Hills has been studying our native song birds. He has promised to send us soon some notes on between 20 and 30 species which he has observed. He kept many of them round his house by feeding them with seeds of different kinds. For this purpose he sowed a large quantity of Sunflower, Millet, Hemp, and Canary-seed, and the pleasing result has been that many kinds seldom seen, have stayed around his residence through-