

but whether or not the local agent is the man referred to we know not; he may know best himself. The farmer referred to lives in Stanley Township. Our local friend also appears to feel offended at us, charging that we are nursery agents. We fail to see any crime in being such, but the fact is we are not, nor to our knowledge does anyone connected with this paper act as regular agent for any nursery. We advertise for nurseries from time to time, both American and Canadian, and orders left here are forwarded where desired, and advice given freely as to the proper stock to purchase, &c. The firm he says he represents we are not acquainted with, but we believe, so far as we know at present, that they have no nursery at all in Toronto. We will make full enquiry regarding them, and give the result to the public. When we make complaint against agents we do so for the public benefit, and everyone knows well how often people in this section have been swindled by unprincipled agents who would make any sort of representation in order to sell their goods. We are well aware that there are most excellent nurseries on the American side, and believe that if parties here would send their orders direct to these nurseries they would be filled properly and honestly. But we do know also that agents are continually on the run who take orders under all sorts of fine promises and fill these orders with mere trash they purchase at the nearest nursery, trash which the nurseryman himself would scorn to sell to anyone. Two years ago such an agent visited this section with plate-book and jars and took a large number of orders; another followed him to deliver the stuff, and many discovered that the affair was a swindle in time to save themselves. We do not believe in the plate-book and jars of specimens; it is calculated to deceive, and the purchaser is induced to purchase the finest looking which is not always the best fruits. We believe in patronizing a home nursery, as they are likely to be very careful what stock they send out, and then again their stock is more likely to succeed than that taken from a warmer climate. Our local friend will see when he looks calmly into the case that we are endeavouring to root out the "unprincipled agent" only, and we believe we are doing our duty when doing or trying to do this. When we are convinced of the honesty and reliability of any man engaged in spreading the benefits of horticulture through the country, we are willing to give a helping hand, and if our *local* will make himself known as such in the proper way he will find out we are not so bad after all.

"BEWARE."—In our article last week under the above heading we promised to make full enquiry regarding the firm represented by a tree agent who took exception to our former remarks, and who claims that the firm he represents are nurserymen who sell the best stock in the Dominion. We made enquiry in Toronto and the result is given in a communication in another column. It seems the firm referred to, Messrs. Stone & Wellington, have lately started in business for themselves and have issued circulars, cards, &c., representing to the public that they are nurserymen at Toronto and Rochester. We find that this is not true so far as Toronto is concerned at all events, and in all probability the same result will be found upon enquiry at Rochester. We have taken steps to ascertain this also and will give the result to the public. We believe from what we have already discovered that Messrs. S. & W. are nothing more nor less than *tree brokers* who purchase stock from the nursery that will sell the cheapest, and therefore we feel it our duty to the Huron public to put the matter in its true light. This is nothing more than justice towards the honest nurseryman as well as the public. The Fruit Growers' Association have taken up the war cry against tree brokers, and, as will be seen by the annual address of the President at Toronto the other day, the Association asks the Government to interfere and prevent unprincipled men from flooding Canada with trees from the States, that are, in ninety-nine cases out of the hundred, mere trash. There are a number of large nurseries in Ontario where every kind of tree can be had that is profitable or useful for planting, and we fail to see why anyone should deal with strangers who charge high prices for stock that in nearly every case turns out to be mere culls. Tree brokers are a great accommodation to nurserymen, no doubt, as they purchase all the refuse stock that is to be found in every such establishment, and which otherwise would have to be destroyed, as no respectable nurseryman would sell it to his regular honest customer. Doubtless good stock is often got from these brokers, but the chances are all in favour of getting bad stock. We know cases where the poor purchaser has been deluded into purchasing stock bearing a euphonious name, unknown to any but the inventive tree broker, and paying a very high price, and when the trees came into bearing found nothing but the commonest varieties, or perhaps trashy seedlings. We know a gentleman who paid \$3 for a