

The following letter, from Mr. Henry E. Dosch, Secretary of the State Board of Horticulture, Oregon, confirms this view :—

"OREGON STATE BOARD OF HORTICULTURE,
"PORTLAND, OREGON, November 28th, 1900.

"Mr. W. J. Brandrith, Sec.,
"New Westminster, B. C.

"DEAR SIR,—Your letter of the 24th inst. to hand. In reply beg to say that we have the same trouble in Oregon, known as Brown Rot (*Monilia fructigena*). When it first appeared in Oregon I sounded a warning note, which, however, was not heeded until severe loss was sustained.

"In my own orchard I eradicated it completely by spraying; first spraying in the fall, with 10 pounds lime, 6 pounds blue vitrol, and 40 gallons water, covering the entire tree from tips of branches to the ground, so they looked as if whitewashed; the same spray in spring, just as the buds began to swell; then with regular Bordeaux mixture, after the blossom had fallen and the embryo prune or plum was the size of a grain of wheat; again with modified Bordeaux mixture when the prune was the size of a large bean.

"If you follow these instructions I think you will have clean fruit. Please bear in mind that this fungus growth is from within to the surface, and not from the surface to the inside. If once established in the plum or prune, all external sprayings are of no avail.

"Yours truly,
(Signed) "HENRY E. DOSCH."

Mr. J. E. Baker, Commissioner of Horticulture, State of Washington, says over 3,000 acres of prunes are in bearing at Vancouver, Washington, and that they are kept fairly immune by three applications of Bordeaux: the first when buds begin to swell; the second when fruit has set; the third about July 1st, according to season.

A number of correspondents have suggested that some orchards should be selected by the Association and experiments carried on therein, to give practical proof that the rot can be prevented.

The following is a statement of the replies to questions 1 and 9 in the Circular :—

No. 1—13 did not answer; 77 answered Yes; 58 answered No.

No. 9—32 did not answer; 7 answered No; 109 answered Yes.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31ST, 1899.

RECEIPTS.

Feb. 1, 1899.	
To Cash in bank.....	\$694 69
To Cash on hand	15 45
Feb. 8.	
To 15 Members' Tickets.....	15 00

\$725 14

EXPENDITURE.

Feb. 1, 1899.	
By Minute Book.....	\$ 1 50
E. Hutcherson, Trans. Com.....	300 00
E. Hutcherson and T. R. Pearson, expenses to Victoria.....	30 00
H. Carmichael, Analysing Jam.....	10 50
The "Times," advertising Annual Meeting.....	3 00
Thos. R. Cusack, printing.....	3 75
Weiler Bros., rent of chairs.....	2 25
R. M. Palmer, jam.....	50
R. M. Palmer, express on jars.....	1 00
W. H. Hayward, account Executive Committee.....	150 00
R. Layritz, judging shows.....	12 00
Thos. G. Earl, " ".....	27 80
T. R. Pearson, salary.....	60 00
Telegram.....	25
Balance in Bank of Montreal.....	93 89
Cash in hand.....	28 70

\$725 14

Jan. 9th, 1900—Balance in Bank of Montreal..... \$93 89
Cash in hand..... 28 70

Certified correct,

R. M. PALMER, }
THOS. A. SHARPE, } Auditors.