

Bordeaux mixture is used to combat the bark canker (*Gloeosporium Malicortis*) of the apple, the pear and the apple scab (*Fusicladium Dendriticum*), and the plum and cherry rot (*Monilia Fructigena*). To overcome the foregoing fungous diseases, trees should be sprayed at least 5 times a year; once in the fall, once in the winter, twice in the spring, and once in the summer.

The winter spray should be the 4:4 formula, doubled, and the summer spray for plums and cherries the ammoniacal copper carbonate.

In spraying for insect pests, the insecticides are divided into 2 classes: (1) Internal poisons, such as Paris green, London purple, and arsenate of lead, which take effect by being eaten with the ordinary food of the insect; and (2) external irritants, or those which act from the outside, closing the breathing pores, or causing death by irritation of the skin, as kerosene emulsion, quassia chips and whale-oil soap, and resin and sal soda. It is to be hoped that fruit growers and farmers will provide themselves with good reliable spraying outfits and use them diligently, or else abandon fruit growing.

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Prince Edward Letter

Rev. Father Burke, Alberton, P.E.I.

After a long delay, the government nominated F. G. Bovyer, of Georgetown, to the Island inspectorate. The Island inspector is rather an important official, as his duties constitute both instruction on fruit matters and inspection of fruits in the fall and winter seasons. We, therefore, require a good man, one conversant with the Marks Act, and also able to instruct in the various phases of horticulture.

Complaints have come to me, as president of the P.E.I.F.G.A., that much bad fruit has been imposed upon the community, and that the buyers have no redress because no inspector was available. In January, in company with our secretary, Mr. Dewar, I visited the fruit cellars of Charlottetown dealers. In many cases we found things to complain of, but in others we were glad to notice the honesty and fairness of packing. Some of Sherrington's cooperative packing delighted the eye. The deeper we delved towards the bottom of the barrel, the better we were pleased. Since the appointment of Mr. Bovyer as inspector, we expect to hear less complaints. Commissioner Ruddick informed us that he will do all he can to make inspection thorough. Any com-

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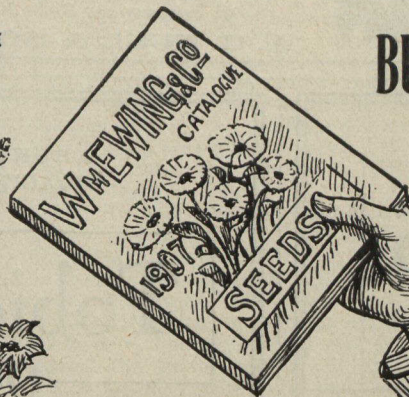
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