

OTTAWA, April 10, 1917.

To the Honourable,
The Minister of Agriculture,
Ottawa.

SIR,—I have the honour to submit for your approval Entomological Circular No. 9 entitled "Common Garden Insects and their Control," which has been prepared at my request by Mr. Arthur Gibson, Chief Assistant Entomologist, who has immediate charge of this branch of our work.

This circular has been written specially for the use of the owners of small gardens and the cultivators of vacant lots who, in their endeavours to respond to the call for increased food production by maintaining gardens and raising their own vegetables and other garden produce, are certain to encounter difficulties resulting from the inevitable attacks of insect pests which are liable to cause an appreciable or even serious reduction in the amount of the crop produced unless remedial measures are undertaken.

No attempt has been made to describe fully the common pests; most of them are well known. Our idea has been to give in a few words the simplest remedial measures possible and those which we have either devised ourselves or found to be satisfactory as a result of experiment. In controlling insect attack, preventive measures are the most important; secure a vigorous plant growth in the spring, keep down weeds and cultivate as frequently as possible.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

C. GORDON HEWITT,
Dominion Entomologist.