

the work. A number of these foremen, as well as their assistants, have been with Messrs. Morris & Wellington for years and have bought homes of their own in the vicinity of the different nurseries. During the summer, which is the slack season, some 75 men are constantly employed, which number is increased in the fall and spring to 200. Twice this number could be utilized at these seasons, were they available. Of course these men do not include the office staff or the hundreds of agents scattered throughout the Dominion.

To facilitate the proper management of the various farms, Mr. Morris, a number of years ago, connected them all by a private telephone system of his own. This was operated so successfully it was not long before other fruit growers and farmers in the locality desired to join the circuit. The outcome was that the Bell Telephone Company, which at first had rather opposed the move, stepped in and assumed control, with the result that upwards of 100 residents of the section are now enjoying the benefits of farm telephones. The yearly charge for these telephones is \$15. Thus, we see, the farm telephone system has already made a welcome invasion of Canada. By means

of the telephone Mr. Morris finds it possible to keep in close touch with his foremen and the work on the different farms.

The growing of the different lines of stock is greatly complicated by the special care which has to be given each. Soil adapted for one line of nursery trees or flowers may be entirely unsuited for others. For this reason the nine farms operated by Messrs. Morris & Wellington have each been chosen for their particular characteristics. On some, which are open and exposed, the hardy varieties are grown, while the tender species are produced in the nurseries that are more protected. Most of the farms contain several different soils. Each of these soils are in turn used for the production of the varieties of fruits and flowers for which they are best adapted. Long, and in some cases costly experience, has made clear to Mr. Morris the possibilities of these soils, and customers of the firm reap the benefit by receiving goods that have made a rapid and natural growth.

"We have found it necessary," said Mr. Morris, while speaking to *The Horticulturist*, in this connection, "to give the land, on which our stock is grown, frequent rests. Every year the crops raised are changed



A Beauty Spot at the Morris & Wellington Nurseries.

The illustration gives a small view of a block of two year hydrangea pan-white grandiflora growing in the nurseries of Morris & Wellington at Fonthill. This is one of the most useful plants grown, as it can be raised either as a plant or bush. The flowers are splendid for decorative purposes. When grown as plants the blossoms are larger and finer than when the hydrangea is allowed to grow as a bush.