

SPRAY WHEN THE BLOOM HAS FALLEN.



JUST after the bloom has fallen is the right time to spray the trees, as that is the time the moth lays the eggs, when the fruit is forming. To spray trees while in full bloom is a waste of time and materials, and don't do the fruit grower *any good*, but kills bees by wholesale that work on the blossoms at the time. If every fruit grower in every locality was to spray his trees with poison while the trees were in full bloom, it would kill every hive of bees in Ontario, and what would be still worse, it would kill every family that used the honey after the bees were poisoned. While on my rounds through the province inspecting hives of bees, I heard the sad news in many places of bees being poisoned by the spraying of fruit trees while in full bloom. I brought this up at the Bee Convention held lately in London. I also moved, and Mr. Jacob Alpaugh seconded it, that Messrs. Allen Pringle, F. A. Gemmill, and E. D. Smith, a nurseryman at Winona, be a committee to wait on the Minister of Agriculture to get an Act passed, fixing the proper time to spray trees, that is, after the blossoms have fallen. I knew Mr. Smith to be a just man, and for the sake of having the interests of the fruit growers looked after, as well as the bee keepers, I put him on the committee with Mr. Gemmill and Mr. Pringle, who are two of as just men as can be found in any country. I see by the *HORTICULTURIST* of February, that we have been reported as wanting to prevent the spraying of fruit trees altogether, which is a mistake. All we want is the proper time fixed for spraying, which is just after the bloom has fallen. If the fruit grower sprays when the bloom has just fallen, he will make a success of the spraying business, and won't kill any bees.

Mr. Charles Baker, a nurseryman at London, said that the trees should not be sprayed until after the bloom had fallen, and he voted for my motion to have the time fixed for such work. Every real fruit grower agrees with me on this point, that is, when the bloom has just fallen. In the Feb. No. of the *HORTICULTURIST*, the Editor says that if we would ask to have the spraying done after the bloom had fallen, that every fruit grower would agree to that. Many thanks to the Editor for helping to fix things so very nicely, by hitting on the very way we want the Act passed, and then it will be in the interests of the fruit grower and bee keeper. I am well pleased with the *HORTICULTURIST*. It is a journal that every fruit grower should take.

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NOTE BY EDITOR.—Will we be transgressing if we spray *before* the bloom opens? We need to use a solution of copper, for apple scab very early, because it lives through the winter on the scales of the buds, and must be destroyed before it spreads in spring. We hope there will be no antagonism of interests between bee men and fruit growers, and probably there will not.