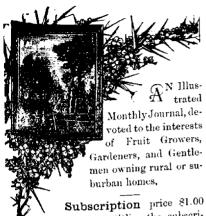
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per year, entitling the subscriber to membership of the Fruit Growers' Association of Ontario and all its privileges, including a copy of its valuable Annual Report, and a share in its annual distribution of plants and trees.

This Journal is not published in the interests, or for the pecuniary advantage of any one, but its pages are devoted wholly to the progress of Horticultural Science and Art in Canada. We aim at the development of the fruit growing industry in our Province; at the general distribution of knowledge concerning all the newest and best varieties of fruits; and at the education of a refined taste in the art of decorative gardening around the homes of our Canadian people.

With such ends in view we invite the cooperation of the lovers of Horticulture both
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The Plants, including the Cherry and the Grape, will soon be distributed through the mail. Of course, members of the Association must not expect large-sized plants, as the size is limited by the P. O. authorities to two feet in length. The Russian Cherry is at best more of a bush than a tree, even in its Russian home. The Vladimir Cherry having run short, the Executive Committee has succeeded in securing a few other Russian cherries of equal value. viz., the Litham and the Ostheim, by means of which we hope to suit the wishes of all the members preferring this selection.

The packages of flower seeds will be mailed in a few days to those who have chosen them. The names of the seeds to be sent are (1) Aster, Victoria; (2) Morning Glory, Variegated; (3) Evening Primroses and (4) Nasturtium, Empress We send four instead of three, because we have been disappointed about getting the P. Cashmeriana, and we hope thus to more than make up for the failure.

Summer Meeting.—The Horticultural Society of Ontario, of Collingwood, has given the Fruit Growers' Association of Ontario a very hearty invitation to hold the summer meeting there.

Invitations may be addressed to the Secretary, Grimsby, who will lay them before the Executive Committee.

The Hatch Bill.—There has been a great deal of agitation of late, in the United States, in favor of the passing of this bill, and finally the friends of progress in agricultural and horticultural science bid fair to win the object of their ambition.

This bill provides for the establishment of an experiment station in each state, under the direction of the State