

Graduate Work:

During the year provision was made for graduate work under the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research of McGill University for two courses, Pomology (fruit growing) and Vegetable Crops, to be given in co-operation with the Department of Botany.

Administration:

Correspondence in answering inquiries; distribution of mimeograph sheets with instructions concerning fruits, vegetables, and ornamental plants; preparation of information on gardening for the Community Garden League of Greater Montreal, which is being distributed to 2,000 members of this organization; the maintenance of the fruit and vegetable plantations of 45 acres, and the College grounds of 60 acres; judging at horticultural exhibitions and lectures before societies and meetings of various kinds, occupied much of the time of the staff and were services gladly rendered.

Thinning Apples:

Again the thinning of apples received considerable attention, thus indicating its value in more satisfactory returns from the crop, improved quality in regard to both size and freedom from blemishes and in costs of harvesting, packing and marketing the crop. Following the "June drop" from 25% to 75% of the remaining apples were removed on such varieties as Transparent, Duchess, Wealthy, etc. On the McIntosh the thinning, owing to the more regular bearing habit of this variety, was much lighter and on many trees not done at all.

The thinning consisted of the removal of all defective apples, others not well placed or well spaced on the branches and those on spurs or limbs where they were likely to be rubbed or injured during