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Editor, THE CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST:

In the July issue of THE CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST, an article appeared over my signature entitled, "Some Spraying Mixtures," in which I inadvertently made the mistake of saying that "Nico-Soap professes to kill all insects and their eggs by contact." This was a mis-statement, as Nico-Soap claims only to kill insects by contact. The writer had been reading the advertising matter of Nico-Soap and another insecticide, and mentally "got things mixed."

The article was rather bitter in its tone, I admit, and was born of the feeling that the farmer is the one who gets "pulled" oftenest and is the least able to stand it; and in my zeal to aid my brother farmer, I am often unjust to others. I regret that the mistake was made and hope that those who are testing the merits of Nico-Soap may not be biased in their judgments, or in the reports of their experiments, by the error made in the article.—R. J. Messenger, Bridgetown, N. S.

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P. J. Carey, Dominion Fruit Inspector, Toronto

The practice of foreign dealers recklessly advancing money early in the season to all classes of men, to operate in the orchards is responsible for a great many of the troubles of the apple business. This system encourages the wildest and most unbusinesslike transactions in the way of purchasing and handling of fruit. The business man who is using his own capital and wants to work on a business basis has little chance against such opposition.

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## Items of Interest

Orchard meetings were held in June in Ontario at Wicklow, Colborne, Brighton, Wooler, Castleton and Warkworth. They were addressed by Mr. A. McNeill, Chief, Fruit Division, Ottawa and Dominion Fruit Inspectors Carey, Rutherford and Brown. The meetings were largely attended. The subjects discussed included orchard culture, spraying and orchard pests.

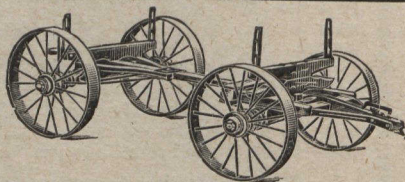
It is reported that the brown tail moth has entered New Brunswick. This summer, many specimens have been seen and it is known that they are coming from Massachusetts. The steamers plying between St. John and Boston have been closely watched and it has been learned that on every boat, scores and perhaps hundreds arrive and at once settle themselves in their new quarters.

Last month a number of orchard meetings in British Columbia were addressed by Prof. W. F. Thornber, Horticulturist of the Washington Agricultural College, Pullman, Mr. M. H. Dobie, Victoria, B. C., and other authorities. See report in next issue.

A neat little booklet entitled "A School Garden Illustrated" has been published by Hammond's Paint and Slug Shot Works, Fishkill-on-Hudson, New York. It contains much valuable information for gardeners. Send for a copy.

The exhibits of fruit from British Columbia at the Dominion Exhibition in Calgary last month were a credit to that province and received many favorable comments.

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