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"The value of the imports of dried apples and apple waste is given at 10,619,000 marks for a quantity of fourteen thousand seven hundred and forty-eight metric tons, almost the whole of which is credited to the United States. Canada's shipments to Germany are known to have been on a considerable scale in 1913, certainly not less than one thousand tons, and these are undoubtedly included in the receipts credited to the United States, the Canadian article being generally shipped through American ports. The German market for good qualities of this article is increasing."

**Bird and Insect Life**

Editor, *The Canadian Horticulturist*.—Will not you through the columns of *The Canadian Horticulturist*, call attention to the economic value of the birds, bees, and butterflies to tree and plant life? Even the despised British sparrow is the best "fly-swatter" we possess, frequenting, as it does, the manure heaps and garbage piles, just where the house fly loves to breed.

Could all your readers not place in their gardens a hollow pan of water for the birds, thus preventing them from attacking fruit, as it is thirst which drives them to the latter. If fruit growers, instead of killing robins and blackbirds (which, by the way, is against the law, except for fruit growers during the ripe fruit season), would plant mulberry trees in a corner of their orchard the birds will flock to them and leave other fruit alone.

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**Powdery Scab of Potatoes**

Some time ago it was found that there existed in the eastern provinces of Canada, viz., Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Quebec, a disease of the potato tuber known as Corky or better, Powdery Scab, which had probably been present, at least in some localities, for a number of years, but not distinguished from the disease known as Common Scab.

While this disease, under Canadian conditions, has so far only in one instance given indications of being more destructive than Common Scab, it is nevertheless a very undesirable malady to have permanently established in potato growing land. As a result of the discovery of Powdery Scab, the United States authorities, through fear of introducing the disease, have enacted that potatoes shall not enter the United States except under a rigorous system of certification, which includes a certificate to the Potato Canker or Powdery Scab exists. If the export with the United States is to be regained in face of the existing regulations the methods directed towards the eradication of the disease must be followed intelligently and in a thorough spirit of cooperation.

In order to familiarize the farmers of Canada with this disease, Mr. J. W. Eastham, Chief Assistant Botanist of the Central Experimental Farm, has prepared a comprehensive circular entitled "Powdery Scab of Potatoes," which is Farmers' Circular No. 5 of the Division of Botany, and is available to all who make application for it to the Publications Branch of the Department of Agriculture, Ottawa. The nature, symptoms, and preventive methods are fully outlined, and the following sum-

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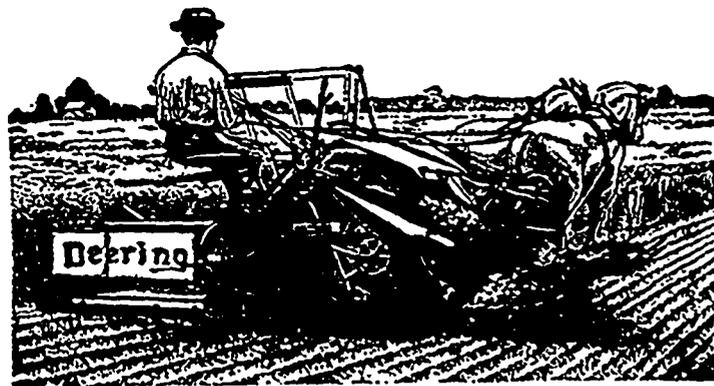


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