

## NURSERIES WHICH ARE A CREDIT TO CANADA

**N**OT only fruit growers and florists, but Canadians the country over, may well be proud of the nurseries of Morris & Wellington, of Fonthill. Our great financiers and railway magnates are lauded as men of out-standing ability. Equally as great ability, if in another line, must be required to conduct an enterprise of the magnitude of these nurseries.

While the headquarters of the Morris & Wellington nurseries are at Fonthill, some 12 miles from St. Catharines, in the Niagara district, its operations extend from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and invade Europe as well. The business conducted by this firm amounts to the hundreds of thousands, while its agents are to be found in all the leading towns and cities of the Dominion. Every

ment of the nurseries is vested in Mr. E. Morris, the senior partner, the business end being conducted by Mr. Wellington. At the time of a visit paid the nurseries during the summer by an editorial representative of *The Horticulturist*, Mr. Morris was found to be a very busy man. This will hardly be wondered at when it is stated Mr. Morris is responsible for the successful growing of the thousands of different varieties of nursery stock, ornamental shrubs and trees and flowers handled by the firm, on its nine farms. These farms are all located within a few miles of Fonthill and contain over 800 acres, of which 600 acres are owned by Messrs. Morris and Wellington, and the remainder rented for a term of years.

The annual plantings are enormous. They

include some 400,000 young apple trees, 50,000 to 100,000 plum seedlings, 75,000 rose plants, 15,000 elm trees, and other varieties in proportion. At the time the representative of *The Horticulturist* visited the nurseries some 1,500,000 young apple trees, one to four years old, were being grown on the various farms, to say nothing of peach, pear, plum, cherry and other seed-



**The Finest Hydrangea Bush on the Continent.**

A portion of the lawn on the Morris & Wellington nurseries, at Fonthill, including one of the sides, may here be seen. The *Hydrangea paniculata grandiflora* bush in the center of the picture has for 11 years been recognized to be the finest on the continent. It is 18 feet in diameter and 10 feet high. The firm sells thousands of these bushes every year. They are sometimes planted as flower beds and cut yearly, although many prefer them growing as bushes, which is their natural growth. A hickory leaf tree may be seen in the background.

year large orders are sent to Europe, more particularly for ornamental shrubs and plants. So extensive are the operations, it has been found necessary to establish a special office in Toronto, through which the greater portion of the business is conducted under the name of Stone & Wellington.

A few facts about these nurseries may assist in giving some idea of the scope of its operations. Entire charge of the manage-

lings. When it is realized that, in addition to this nursery stock, thousands of trees and shrubs and flowers, of hundreds of varieties, are grown, some idea of the extent of the business may be gained. Long ago Mr. Morris realized that it would be impossible for him to personally look after the details of the growing of all this stock. Capable foremen were, therefore, selected and placed in charge of various branches of