

The Canadian Horticulturist

Published by The Horticultural
Publishing Company, Limited

PETERBORO, ONTARIO



The Only Horticultural Magazine in the Dominion

OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE ONTARIO, QUEBEC, NEW
BRUNSWICK AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND
FRUIT GROWERS' ASSOCIATIONS

H. BRONSON COWAN, Managing Director

1. The Canadian Horticulturist is published on the 25th day of the month preceding date of issue.
2. Subscription price in Canada and Great Britain, 6 cents a year; two years, \$1.00. For United States and local subscriptions in Peterboro (not called for at the Post Office), 25 cents extra a year, including postage.
3. Remittances should be made by Post Office or Express Money Order, or Registered Letter. Postage Stamps accepted for amounts less than \$1.00.
4. The Law is that subscribers to newspapers are held responsible until all arrearages are paid and their paper ordered to be discontinued.
5. Change of Address—When a change of address is ordered, both the old and the new addresses must be given.
6. Advertising rates One Dollar an Inch. Copy received up to the 18th. Address all advertising correspondence and copy to our Advertising Manager, Peterboro, Ont.
7. Articles and Illustrations for publication will be thankfully received by the Editor.

CIRCULATION STATEMENT

The following is a sworn statement of the net paid circulation of The Canadian Horticulturist for the year ending with December, 1911. The figures given are exclusive of samples and spoiled copies. Most months, including the sample copies, from 11,000 to 12,000 copies of The Canadian Horticulturist are mailed to people known to be interested in the growing of fruits, flowers or vegetables.

January, 1911	8,062
February, 1911	8,260
March, 1911	8,523
April, 1911	9,469
May, 1911	9,783
June, 1911	10,178
July, 1911	10,062
August, 1911	10,043
September, 1911	9,973
October, 1911	9,991
November, 1911	9,958
December, 1911	10,137

Total 114,589

Average each issue in 1907, 6,627

" " " " 1908, 8,585

" " " " 1909, 8,970

" " " " 1910, 9,067

" " " " 1911, 9,341

September, 1912 11,477

Sworn detailed statements will be mailed upon application.

OUR PROTECTIVE POLICY

We want the readers of The Canadian Horticulturist to feel that they can deal with our advertisers with our assurance of the advertisers' reliability. We try to admit to our columns only the most reliable advertisers. Should any subscriber, therefore, have good cause to be dissatisfied with the treatment he receives from any of our advertisers, we will look into the matter and investigate the circumstances fully. Should we find reason, even in the slightest degree, we will discontinue immediately the publication of their advertisements in The Horticulturist. Should the circumstances warrant we will expose them through the columns of the paper. Thus we will not only protect our readers, but our reputable advertisers as well. All that is necessary to entitle you to the benefit of this Protective Policy is that you include in all your letters to advertisers the words "I saw your ad. in The Canadian Horticulturist." Complaints should be made to us as soon as possible after reason for dissatisfaction has been found.

Communications should be addressed

THE CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST,

PETERBORO, ONT.

EDITORIAL

THE JORDAN HARBOR STATION

While the Ontario Government has done much to promote the cause of horticulture, its treatment of the Jordan Harbor Experiment Station, from the inception of that institution, has been disappointing to those who would like to see the station accomplish the purposes for which it was established. Far from being sympathetic in the first place, with the proposal to establish an experiment station in the Niagara District, it was not until the land for the station had been given to the government free of cost that it consented to meet the expense involved in the equipment of the station and its management. Even in this, however, it has appeared to be more anxious to expend as little as possible than it has been to expend whatever sum might be necessary to enable the station to fulfil the work for which it was established.

Three years ago THE CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST protested when it was announced that a man, who, while one of the most successful apple growers in the province lacked a knowledge of the growing of tender fruit such as is produced in the Niagara District, had been appointed as a sort of under manager of the station. Nearly two years ago we protested again when it was announced that the government, instead of appointing a competent resident superintendent at an adequate salary, had decided to vest the management of the station in the hands of an official of the department, resident in Toronto, already overburdened with other exacting duties. We then pointed out that such management was certain to interfere with the efficiency of this official's services in other directions or result in the work of the station being neglected.

The wisdom of the stand we then took has recently been confirmed by an editorial contributor of the Weekly Fruit Grower, published at Grimsby, Ont., in the Niagara District, who, after a visit to the station, made a number of serious charges concerning it in that publication. His charges are that crops intended for revenue have been planted upon the most unsuitable land possible, and are naturally a failure, that experiments are begun and suddenly abandoned without any apparent reason, and that officials who have conducted experiments at the station have left without leaving any record of the work they have accomplished, thereby making it impossible for their successors to continue their work where they left off. The writer in question endorses the demand we made two years ago that the station should be placed in charge of a competent resident head.

No person acquainted with the situation will lay any blame at the doors of the present director of the station, Mr. P. W. Hodgetts. Fruit growers everywhere realize the valuable work Mr. Hodgetts is doing on their behalf and the numerous other demands that are made on his time. Existing conditions will not be remedied until the government takes a more sympathetic interest in the work of the station and appreciates its possibilities more fully. When this change of attitude takes place it will be made manifest immediately by the appointment of a thoroughly competent resident director at an adequate salary, and by the granting of sufficient funds to make

possible the conduct at the station of the broad lines of work which fruit and vegetable growers everywhere expect to see it perform.

RAILWAY GRIEVANCES

The fruit growers of Ontario have been so uniformly successful, since the establishment of the Dominion Railway Commission, in obtaining an improvement in their treatment at the hands of the railway companies whenever they have laid their complaints before the commission, they may look forward with confidence to receiving a sympathetic hearing should they again decide to lay their case before that Tribunal. Month by month, but more particularly during the fruit shipping season, complaint has been growing in regard to the inadequate service given by the railway companies in the handling of Ontario fruit intended for the western markets. The shipping rates west of Winnipeg are so exorbitant as to practically shut Ontario fruit out of the prairie provinces. This has forced the auction of much of that fruit in Winnipeg as soon as it arrives.

When the railway companies last appeared before the railway commission they promised to provide a four and a half day service to Winnipeg. It usually takes seven to eight days. This constitutes a serious grievance both to the growers in the east and the consumers of fruit in the west. The imperative need for an improvement in these conditions is now apparent. It should be possible to present a strong case before the Board of Railway Commissioners.

A NATIONAL DISH

What is the national dish of Canada? A correspondent points out that England has "roast beef," Scotland "oatmeal," and Ireland the "potato," and that these divisions of the Empire have also as their emblems the Rose, the Thistle and the Shamrock. Canada has the Maple Leaf, but nothing that can be recognized as our favorite viand. Our correspondent suggests that we constitute the apple as our national delicacy.

The suggestion has much to commend it. Apples are grown in Canada from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Even the prairie provinces are able to produce certain varieties. Apples are beautiful to look upon, delightful to taste, beneficial to the system and are enjoyed by one and all. We are to move that our contributor be thanked for his suggestion, and that we establish the Apple as our national dish. Speaking for our motion we venture to suggest that comparison be made between a beautiful red apple and beans, the emblem of the great country to our south, to see the prestige the adoption of our motion would confer upon us as a nation.

IMPROVEMENT OF SMALL TOWNS

Since the use of the automobile by more wealthy residents of our towns and cities has become general, with the numerous trips through the country districts their use involve, an added incentive has been given to numerous small towns and villages to beautify their streets and surroundings of their homes. In a letter to THE CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST, Dr. E. Klotz, of Lanark, Ont., draws attention to this fact, and says:

"It is now a well-known fact that the 'city autoists take a Saturday, Sunday or other holiday in the country they