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en are exclusive of sample and spoiled copies  
and of papers sent to advertisers. Some months,  
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ing of fruit, flowers or vegetables.

### Circulation Statement

January, 1907.....4,947	January, 1908.....7,650
February, 1907.....5,520	February, 1908.....7,824
March, 1907.....6,380	March, 1908.....8,056
April, 1907.....6,460	April, 1908.....8,250
May, 1907.....6,620	May, 1908.....8,573
June, 1907.....6,750	June, 1908.....8,840
July, 1907.....6,920	July, 1908.....9,015
August, 1907.....6,880	
September, 1907.....7,080	
October, 1907.....7,210	
November, 1907.....7,257	
December, 1907.....7,500	

Total for the year, 79,525

Average each issue in 1907, 6,627

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We want the readers of The Canadian Horti-  
culturist to feel that they can deal with our  
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only the most reliable advertisers. Should any  
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lication of their advertisements in The Horti-  
culturist. Should the circumstances warrant  
we will expose them through the columns of  
the paper. Thus, we will not only protect our  
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## EDITORIAL

### BRITISH COLUMBIA INSPECTION

Our editorial in the June issue, entitled,  
"A Warning," was reproduced in the *B. C. Saturday Sunset*, which, in an article  
headed, "Be Fair," challenges our state-  
ments in the following words:

"We must admit that San Jose scale,  
"and other pests, are prevalent in the  
"neighboring states, but they are also  
"prevalent in Ontario, and we are quite  
"sure that *The Horticulturist* is in error  
"when it says that the 'blundering in-  
"spectors threw out one lot of Cox's  
"Orange Pippins, because their appear-  
"ance was unusual.' Cox's Orange  
"Pippin is not a stranger in British  
"Columbia, and its appearance and hab-  
"its are well known to the fruit-pest in-  
"spectors, and notwithstanding the pos-  
"sible mistakes of these inspectors, it  
"is not true that 'the British Columbia  
"Government discriminates against clean  
"healthy Eastern nursery stock.'"

No person has denied that there is scale  
in Ontario, but it is confined to a compar-  
atively small area of the province, and, be-  
sides, a number of Ontario nurseries are  
not located in the scale-infested district.  
The Ontario Government, to protect On-  
tario growers, insists that all nursery  
stock grown in the province shall be fumi-  
gated under the direction of a Government  
inspector. This fumigation covers the  
stock shipped to British Columbia. Last  
spring one of these inspectors personally  
inspected all the shipments that were sent  
to British Columbia, from one of Ontario's  
largest nurseries, and wrote a letter testi-  
fying that the stock was free of scale and  
disease, and in a healthy condition, and  
that it was fumigated under his personal  
supervision. This letter was handed to the  
inspectors at Vancouver, but they declined  
to accept the statements in any way. It  
would seem, therefore, that there should be  
some reciprocity between the departments  
of agriculture in the different provinces in  
reference to this matter of inspection.

In regard to the Cox's Orange Pippin  
blunder, these trees were claimed by the  
British Columbia inspectors to be infested  
with San Jose scale. The consigning  
nursery firm demanded that specimens  
be sent to them. This was done. Later  
the trees were sent to the Experimental  
Farm, at Ottawa, and, upon close inspection,  
were found to be affected only with  
the oyster-shell scale, a comparatively  
harmless pest.

THE CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST has re-  
ceived numerous letters from British Col-  
umbia growers, to the effect that they want  
Ontario stock, but do not feel that they  
can accept the risk of planting such stock  
when it is subject to double fumigation,  
and an over-handling at Vancouver. The  
following is an extract from one from  
Kelowna: "Ontario trees are just what we  
want in this province, as they are from a  
colder climate, and are hardy, but they are  
too long on the road. They should come  
direct to Vernon, instead of going first to  
Vancouver."

The *B. C. Saturday Sunset* fails to see  
that eastern nursery stock is discriminated  
against. Even accepting the fact that  
scale is in the east, as well as in the west,  
why do eastern nursery concerns have to  
ship for inspection right across British  
Columbia to Vancouver, while United  
States stock can be shipped only across the

border, and be inspected, practically, at  
the port of entry? The British Columbia  
Government does not compel United States  
stock to be shipped for inspection across  
the province to Revelstoke or Golden. THE  
CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST thinks that  
Ontario, and other eastern provinces, as a  
part of our great Dominion, should be en-  
titled to, at least, as much consideration  
as the Western States. All that eastern  
nursery men ask, and all that our British  
Columbia correspondents desire, is another  
inspection station established at some east-  
ern point in British Columbia, so that  
nursery stock from eastern Canada can be  
imported without any extra delay and any  
extra expense in shipping. And that is the  
position of THE CANADIAN HORTICULTUR-  
IST. We do not ask for discrimination  
against United States concerns, nor against  
the nurseries of the Coast. We ask for  
no favors for eastern nurserymen that are  
not given to those of the west. We do  
ask the British Columbia Government to  
establish another inspection station, and  
*The B. C. Saturday Sunset* to "be fair."

### INSPECTORS FOR ASSOCIATIONS

To give distinction to The Co-operative  
Fruit Growers of Ontario, an organization  
with which is affiliated most of the local  
co-operative fruit associations in the prov-  
ince, and to aid its recognition in foreign  
markets, it should adopt a brand for the  
use of all affiliated associations that are  
worthy. The brand need not necessarily  
be used by the local associations exclusiv-  
ely, but in addition to the local brand. It  
would identify them as members of the  
provincial organization, which will soon be  
powerful and strong, particularly if incor-  
porated, as is now proposed.

No local association should be allowed  
to use the provincial brand, however, un-  
less it grades and packs its fruit in accord  
with The Fruit Marks Act, and with the  
standard set by the central organization.  
The Dominion Department of Agriculture  
can lend a helping hand in this matter by  
appointing special inspectors to watch the  
work and output of the local associations,  
so that the latter may know that the de-  
sired standard is being reached. Such  
special inspection would be the means of  
advertising Ontario fruit through the as-  
sociations in a manner more satisfactory than  
any that has been tried in the past.

### SIGNING NURSERY CONTRACTS

Is there any line of merchandise in which  
there is so much fraudulent practice and  
over-charging as there is in the case of nur-  
sery stock? We have recently received a  
contract for stock signed by a customer,  
which reads as follows:

"Please furnish me the following bill  
"of nursery stock for the purpose of im-  
"proving my property. Notice to be sent  
"me of the date of delivery and if not  
"called for on that day and a personal  
"delivery made, I agree to pay expenses  
"of same.

"I hereby waive all set off or exemp-  
"tion law rights.

"I also agree not to countermand this  
"contract; any article not furnished to be  
"deducted from the bill. All nursery  
"stock dying within five years will be re-  
"placed at half original price."

The bill calls for four trees of the com-  
monest kind, one Concord grape vine and a  
dozen raspberries, for which the customer  
is charged \$5.00. There would be excellent  
profit in it if they had charged \$2.00.

It will be noted that the customer waiv-