

ERRATA.—On page 33, and on frontispiece opposite, where it reads "Prof. Wm. Saunders, Director of the Experimental Farms of Ontario," read instead of the last two words, "of the Dominion of Canada."

Also for F.R.C.S. read F.R.S.C., meaning Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada.

Also on page 37 for *Ohio Farmer*, read *Orange Judd Farmer*.

SPRAYING.—At the recent meeting of the Ohio State Horticultural Society, Prof. Weed stated that he had fully demonstrated the possibility of destroying the "Little Turk" with London purple in a solution of one ounce to ten gallons of water. He also found that by adding Bordeaux mixture to the solution he could prevent the plum rot. The only difficulty was that the mixture adhered to the fruit, making it necessary to wash it with a weak solution of vinegar and water.

RUSSIAN APRICOT.—We are constantly receiving enquiries regarding this fruit. Two dozen trees planted on Maplehurst Fruit Farm have not yet borne a single specimen, though three years planted. It was stated at the Ohio meeting, above mentioned, that this apricot was as subject to damage from frost when in bloom as the European varieties, and therefore not likely to be of any more value. We hope to be able to report definitely concerning the value of this fruit after the coming fruit season.

NUTS FOR PROFIT.—At the Trenton meeting of the New Jersey Horticultural Society, Mr. Parry advocated nut culture for profit. A new walnut, named as "Præparturius," was recommended as wonderfully productive. Of chestnuts, he grows several varieties of the Japan strain, which he highly commends; as, for instance, the "Reliable" and the "Giant," which are of an enormous size, and have sold as high as 40 cents a quart. The "Paragon" and the "Miller" are probably American varieties, and these are very promising. He claims that at the present prices of these large nuts, an acre of having them, twenty-seven trees, will bring \$200, without any expense other than the harvesting, which he claims can be done for about half a cent per quart.

THE FARMERS' PARLIAMENT.

The Central Farmers' Institute at Toronto was fully attended by representative farmers from all parts of Ontario. Mr. Aurey, M.P.P., the president, gave an interesting address in which he paid a tribute to the Dominion Government for the generous response given to Farmers' Institutes, in sending out without any expense to the latter, the professors of the Experimental Farm, to give addresses on their special departments. The same spirit had been manifested by the Ontario Government, in sending out the professors of the O.A.C. and specialists in various branches of industry to speak at the January meetings.

He alluded to the subject of annexation as one in which the farmers of Ontario had no sympathy, though they might be desirous of closer commercial relations.

Prof. Shaw, of the O.A.C., in his address on the need of an universal herd law for the Province, showed the inconsistency of the legislation which professedly encouraged road side tree-planting, and at the same time permitted live stock to run on the road. He advocated planting trees freely along our roads, and that a law should be passed of universal application, preventing cattle from running. No fences along the road would then be needed and the beauty of the landscape would be wonderfully increased.

Mr. E. Morden, of Niagara Falls South, read an important paper on market fees. He showed that it was unfair that the market gardener should be compelled to pay tax first upon his land, and then a second time upon his produce of the market. The towns and cities receive sufficient benefit from the visits of the farmers and gardeners to the town without charging them for the few feet of space which each man occupies in the sale of his produce. The town is receiving as much benefit from the market in buying their food supplies as the farmers in their sale of their produce.

All these and other important questions were referred to the committee on legislation.