

## NOTES AND COMMENTS.

house adornment. Mr. Webster writes: "This is the true large flowering variety it is propagated only by division of the roots and is immensely superior to those raised from seed, as well as producing larger and better flowers, we have found it to produce about twice as many as any variety of tritoma we ever grew, the best flowers are considerably larger than those we are sending, we find they have all been picked. The flowers sent are from plants growing in the nursery rows, they will probably flower for two weeks yet before cut down by frost, the roots are not entirely hardy here but winter well if given a little protection."

MR. JOHN CRAIG, Horticulturist at the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, has resigned his position, with the intention, we understand of further pursuing his studies in horticulture at Cornell University. We had hoped to have secured him as lecturer to our affiliated societies during the coming winter, and all will much regret his absence, which may be only temporary.

APPLES AND CROWS. — A flock of crows migrating to the south one day recently attacked the apple orchard of Uriah Samon, Wolfe Island, and cleared

it of thirty barrels of apples, leaving nothing but the cores.

DECEASE OF MR. JOHN LITTLE.—On the 17th of November this noted strawberry specialist passed away at his home at Granton Mr. M. Crawford of Cuyahoga Falls, Iowa, an intimate friend of his, was at Granton at the time of Mr. Little's death, and writes us a full account of this sad occurrence. Reviewing his life, he writes that Mr. Little was a native of Belfast, Ireland, where he was born in 1814, where he was engaged by the Government as civil engineer, but after his marriage he came to Canada and settled on the farm of 300 acres at Granton, which he has occupied for 53 years. About 25 years ago, when visiting a friend who was picking some nice strawberries, he became enamoured with this healthful fruit and his interest has deepened ever since. He has raised many seedlings and has tested nearly all the new varieties that have come into the market during the last quarter of a century. The Woolverton and Saunders are among his best named seedlings, and two others not yet named are thought to be very desirable. His business will be continued by his daughter, Miss Ellen, who has assisted her father for years in filling orders.

## PRUNING LILAC AND WEIGELA.

Both lilac and weigela bear their flowers on their young or green shoots, and if pruned in autumn the bloom will be much reduced. These plants need very little pruning, as a rule, beyond cutting away any dead wood or unnecessary

branches, but if at any time it should be thought desirable to shorten or head back the branches, the proper time for doing it is immediately after the plants have finished their blooming.—Vicks' Magazine.