

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

largely. Discouraged by the low prices of one or two seasons, they have given up these fruits, and encouraged by the high price of apples in 1897, all want to plant apple orchards. Mr. W. E. Wellington says that the Fonthill Nurseries sent out over 300,000 apple trees this spring! Next year, should apples be cheap, no doubt our fruit growers will again begin digging out their apple orchards. Why this unrest? There is rise and depression in all lines, and the wise man keeps straight on in his chosen lines, whether he is on the crest of the wave, or in its hollow.

THE WESTERN HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY of Manitoba has recently been organized, and the President, the Rev. Prof. Baird, of Winnipeg, has forwarded us a copy of the following resolution, passed at a meeting held on the 15th of March.

It was moved by Mr. H. C. Whellams, seconded by Mr. G. H. Greig, and agreed unanimously that, while the Western Horticultural Society cannot agree to affiliate with the Fruit Growers' Association of Ontario, on account of the differences of climatic condition which renders such an intimate degree of co-operation impossible, yet this Society thanks the Ontario Association for the friendly wishes which are expressed in its proposal, and asks that it be allowed to co-

operate with the Ontario Association in any free and harmonious way which may be found to be mutually desirable or beneficial.

It is a great pleasure to us to find so firmly established and influential an Association as yours taking so friendly an interest in our small affairs, and you may rest assured that we will do anything that lies in our power for the promotion of the interests of horticulture throughout Canada at large, and for the promotion of good will and friendly intercourse between your Society and ours.

CALIFORNIA'S FRUIT PRODUCTS are enormous. It is estimated that her export of cured fruits alone, during the past season amounted to 150,000,000 lbs., which would require 600,000,000 lbs. of fresh fruits. California has shipped in addition about 230,000,000 lbs. Mr. Glen writes, "California's fruit crop is immense, and yet the industry is in its infancy. The market is extending as rapidly as the crop is increasing, because a regular supply of prime fruit creates a demand. Mind and capital are united in California fruit production. Careful selection and packing is the rule when shipments are made. The average results are satisfactory. Ontario fruit growers have no greater difficulties to contend with than those of California, and they are nearer to the world's best markets.

CRIMSON RAMBLER is the greatest rose that has been introduced in modern times. It may not be hardy everywhere, though I have not heard of any place where it is not so. It is distinct in growth and in manner of blooming. The third year after planting it will make canes from eight to fifteen feet in length, and at the base will be nearly as thick as a broom handle. It blooms in clusters composed of large numbers of

double flowers about the size of a double cherry blossom. It blooms only once a year, it is true, but it is a grand sight for three weeks or a month after it commences to flower. The flowers are a bright cheerful shade of crimson, and it has a very telling effect in the landscape, no matter whether the garden wherein it is planted is small or in the more pretentious pleasure grounds of the wealthy. —American Florist.