

Province who have agents in the Province, are licensed, and bonded in the sum of \$2,000 each, as indicated in the following excerpts from the "Agricultural Associations Act":—

"60. No person shall sell within the Province, as principal, agent, solicitor, or otherwise, fruit-trees, plants, or nursery stock without the licence therefor by this Act required.

"61. Any person may obtain from the Minister a licence to sell within the Province fruit-trees, plants, and nursery stock upon payment of the licence fee hereinafter provided, and upon filing with the said Minister a bond to His Majesty, satisfactory to said Minister, in a penal sum not exceeding two thousand dollars, conditional that the obligor shall pay all damages that may be occasioned to any person in the Province through the sale to such person by the licensee, his agent or agents, of any infected fruit-trees, plants, or nursery stock, or of any fruit-trees, plants, or nursery stock that are not of the variety and character represented by the licensee, his agent or agents, at the time of sale.

"62. Any person in the Province who shall sustain damage through the sale to him by the licensee, his agent, or agents, of any infected fruit-trees, plants, or nursery stock, or of any fruit-trees, plants, or nursery stock that are not of the variety and character represented by the licensee, his agent or agents, at the time of sale, shall have a right of action in the Courts of this Province upon said bond for such damages, notwithstanding the provisions of any contract of agreement to the contrary.

"63. A licence under section 61 hereof shall not be for a longer period than one year, and shall expire on the thirty-first day of December of the year in which it is issued.

"64. The fee for such a licence shall be five dollars for nurserymen and five dollars for each agent.

"65. Any licence granted under the foregoing sections may be suspended or cancelled by the Minister, upon evidence satisfactory to the Minister that the holder of the licence has sold infected fruit-trees, plants, or nursery stock, or fruit-trees, plants, or nursery stock that were not of the variety or character represented at the time of sale."

This Act has been passed for your protection. It is, however, necessary for you to read it carefully and understand it in order to obtain the benefits which it confers.

Some nursery stock is sold here by mail. Legally, no protection can be afforded the purchaser who sends his money out of the Province in a mail order, and on this account it is wiser to avoid those nurserymen who refuse to put up bonds and do business through agents.

A list of the principal firms growing nursery stock in British Columbia is as follows:—

Vancouver Island.—The Layritz Nurseries, Victoria; Vancouver Island Nurseries, Soanenos; G. A. Knight, Mt. Tolmie.

Lower Mainland.—Fraser Valley Nurseries, Aldergrove.

Interior.—Coldstream Nurseries, Vernon; Layritz Nurseries, Kelowna; Riverside Nurseries, Grand Forks.

Buy from reliable, established, and responsible firms. Buy only stock which has been grown by the nurserymen who sells it to you. There is a double risk in buying from the nursery-stock jobber, and there have been more unsatisfactory results from stock so purchased than from stock bought direct from the nursery which grows it.

You are recommended to purchase stock grown under similar conditions of soil and climate. Coast-grown stock, generally speaking, does better on the Coast, and Dry Belt stock better in the Dry Belt. There are plenty of exceptions to this general rule, but the principle stands.

In buying in British Columbia you get the trees quicker, and at lower costs for freight and other charges; you avoid inspection, and possible fumigation, at