

number of trees blossomed very heavily, but, owing to the scab and other unfavorable conditions, entirely dropped their fruit as soon as it was set. These trees do not show a single blossom this year, while two trees in the same orchard which did not bloom in 1894 are this year completely covered with it. The same is also true of other varieties throughout our orchards.

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THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, being himself interested in fruit growing at the far West, sends us an appreciative letter in response to a bound volume of the year 1894, which we forwarded him. His secretary, Mr. William Campbell, writes :

I am desired by His Excellency the Governor-General to convey to you his sincere thanks for the copy of THE CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST for 1894 which you have been so good as to send to him.

His Excellency desires me also to say that he appreciates the compliment of the portrait and courteous notice of himself which have been inserted in the volume.

His Excellency is glad to possess such a compendium of useful information.

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THE FIRST ANNUAL REPORT of the Fruit Experiment Stations of Ontario has been published. It contains 64 pages of matter which will be of especial interest to fruit growers. For example, Mr. Dempsey, of the Bay of Quinte Experiment Station, describes in a very exact table about two dozen varieties of apples, and a dozen of pears; he gives, also, outlines of many varieties, drawn from nature by himself. Every year additional varieties will be described and illustrated until this report becomes an invaluable encyclopædia of Canadian fruits of every variety. Full accounts are also to be included of the various experiments conducted at each station under the direction of the Executive.

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SPRAY PUMPS are numerous in the market, and each claims to be the best. We have been using the Ideal, made at Brantford, so far this season, and it has given us great satisfaction. The company have made a number of improvements in the working parts at our suggestion, and have recently lengthened the handle and attached an agitator to keep the liquid stirred up. They have also, at our request, attached a half inch hose, which is much lighter to elevate on the end of the bamboo pole than the clumsy inch hose, which has been used hitherto. The pump works easily and has very little about it to get out of order. What is now wanted is that all the working parts possible should be made of brass, so that they would not be corroded by the sulphate of copper.

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IT PAYS to use a fine nozzle, like the Vermorel, in spraying. With the old Boss nozzle we would run out four or five barrels in a morning; with the Mason, a much better one, we ran out about two or three barrels; with the McGowan, about one and a half; but with the Vermorel we find we can spray