



The Canadian Horticulturist

SUBSCRIPTION PRICE, \$1.00 per year, entitling the subscriber to membership of the Fruit Growers' Association of Ontario and all its privileges, including a copy of its valuable Annual Report, and a share in its annual distribution of plants and trees.

REMITTANCES by Registered Letter are at our risk. Receipts will be acknowledged upon the address label.

✧ Notes and Comments. ✧

GIVING PRIZES FOR LARGE COLLECTIONS of apples at fairs, was condemned by the meeting at Orillia, in the following resolution, moved by Mr. A. H. Pettit, and seconded by Mr. Thomas Beall, That in the opinion of this Association the offering of awards on large collections of varieties of apples at our exhibitions is not productive of profitable results, but in lieu thereof that prizes ought to be offered for the best collection of apples for export purposes.

PRUNING APPLE TREES.—This work may be done in the mild weather of winter, any time until the middle of April. After that it is perhaps best to wait till toward the end of June, when the sap is in condition to repair the cuts, instead of oozing out. Wounds made during the winter may be left until the wood has dried, and then painted over, in order to protect it from the action of the air and the wet, until healed over.

At Maplehurst, we aim to favor the natural growth of the tree in pruning. To attempt to make a Spy grow like a Greening is foolish. The one will grow upright and pyramidal, the other will spread.

LOCAL FRUIT GROWERS' SOCIETIES are being formed in several places by Director Beall. The one at Lindsay and the one at Port Hope, formed by him, have much enthusiasm, and the members scarcely need be canvassed for, so great are the recognized benefits. Societies are also being formed at Niagara Falls South, Port Colborne, Grimsby, Woodstock and other places—under the provisions of the Agricultural and Arts Act for Horticultural Societies. These societies can only be formed in cities, towns and incorporated villages. We