

Annapolis Valley East, N.S.

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At the time of writing, the fruit trees are heavily laden with blossoms, but it is not every egg that will hatch, or every flower that will fruit; there are possible frosts and other things with which to contend before the harvest. Already severe frosts with snow during the last week of April have damaged the fruit buds of the Duchess, Gravenstein and Wagner varieties. On some trees a few of the buds and young green leaves are dead, but nature has only done a little thinning, and at present there are plenty of flowers left for a crop. Vegetation is about a month earlier this year, and pessimistic people thought that the fruit crop was ruined. Twice the asparagus was cut down by frost.

Peas planted about March 17 are doing nicely, although May has been showery and cold. The wild small fruits blossomed unusually early, and owing to the frosts there may be a shortage in these. Cultivated cherries have suffered badly. Wild Bilberry blossoms were out on May 1; usually they

are not seen until the middle of the month, when it is considered time to plant corn. The rhubarb stalks which ventured upward about a fortnight before their time suddenly collapsed one frosty morning.

Pears From South Africa

Mr. J. A. Ruddick, Dairy and Cold Storage Commissioner, received on May 18 from London a case of South African Keiffer pears in perfect condition. The pears were grown by the Rhodes Fruit Farms, Ltd., Cape Colony, and were procured for Mr. Ruddick at Covent Garden on April 30, and forwarded to him in cold storage. The pears were packed in single layer cases—18 pears—surrounded with excelsior. Mr. Ruddick was kind enough to send one of these pears to THE CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST. We hope to be able to publish a reproduction from it in our next issue. It reached us in practically perfect condition. The quality and flavor, while not high class, was good.

The Jordan Station Directorate

Hon. James S. Duff, Minister of Agriculture for Ontario, has made a number of changes in the membership of the Advisory Board, which supervises the work of the Horticultural Experiment Station at Jordan Harbor, and the other fruit experiment stations throughout the Province. The number has been increased slightly so as to cover the province more widely. The new

members are: Henry Robertson, Morrisburg, Dundas county; Wm. E. Weese, Albury, Prince Edward; John McKee, Dunroon, Simcoe; James E. Johnston, Simcoe, Norfolk; F. A. Goring, Homer, Lincoln. These, with E. D. Smith, ex-M.P., Winona; G. C. Creelman, President Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph; P. W. Hodgetts, Director Fruits Branch; W. T. Macoun, Ottawa, and H. S. Peart, Superintendent Horticultural Experiment Station, Jordan Harbor, now make up the entire board.

Messrs. Harold Jones, Maitland, and J. L. Hilborn of Leamington, being experimenters, have been dropped from the board, but will be continued as experimenters. The Department of Agriculture intends to make the station of value to the whole province.

Items of Interest

The British Columbia government has declined to make a grant to the first Canadian National Apple Show that it was proposed to hold in Vancouver next November. A deputation of prominent people interested in the project waited on the government some time ago and asked for \$19,000. A similar grant was asked for from the Dominion government. The city of Vancouver had pledged \$6,000. This means that there is little probability that the show will be held this year.

The Ontario Horticultural Exhibition will be held in the St. Lawrence arena, Toronto, Nov. 15 and 19. The city council at first decided not to grant the use of the arena, but later reversed its decision. This year's exhibition will be much the largest and best yet held.

Arrangements are being made in British Columbia for the making of a series of exhibits of British Columbia fruit at the chief centres of population in the prairie provinces, and later at Toronto and London, Ont. Exhibits will also be made at the principal old country exhibitions. The exhibits will be in charge of E. Bullock-Webster, assisted by W. J. Brandrith of Ladner.

A labor saving device which is getting to be looked upon not simply as a great convenience but almost as a necessity in a large number of our homes is a vacuum cleaner. The improvements which have been made in this device of late years, its simplicity, low cost and the infinite variety of uses to which it can be put, make it something which should be in every home. Those desirous of learning more about the vacuum cleaner may secure an interesting and instructive little booklet, well illustrated, by writing to the Onward Mfg. Co., Berlin, Ont., and mentioning this paper.

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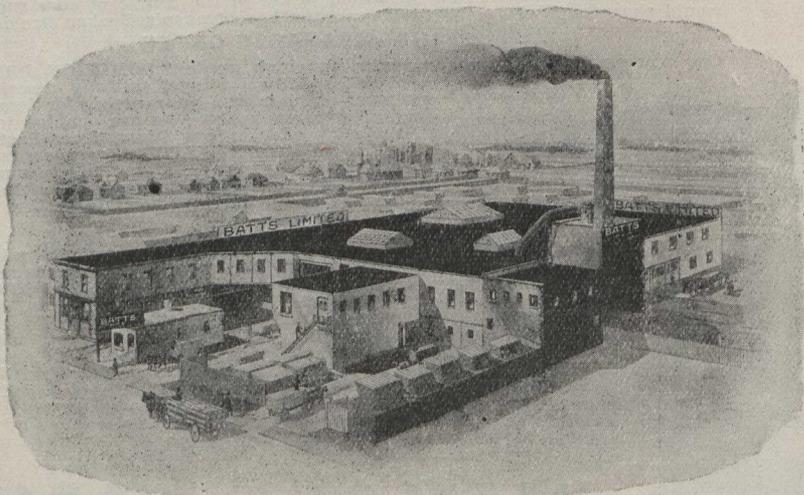
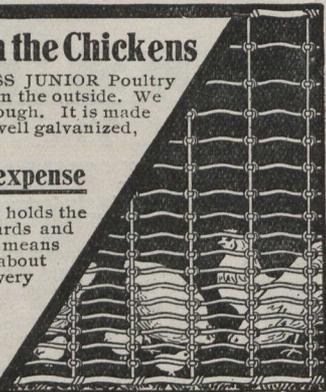
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