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ages in all. The *Crimson Rambler* rose was most called for, and 1585 large two year old plants were sent out. The Wickson plum was large enough for orchard planting, and was called for next in order, the number sent out being 1255. Besides these there were 434 Peonies, 288 packages raspberry plants, and 167 Victoria Black Currants. We hope the special effort made by the executive to please will lead to increased membership in all our Societies, for it has not been done without considerable extra expense. The greater the membership the more wide will be our influence; and the more money we have to spend the more generous we can be to each member.

THE INSPECTORS of orchards are doing faithful work in the Niagara District under the charge of Mr. G. E. Fisher, of Burlington. Cases of infested orchards have been discovered near the United States border, and are being destroyed root and branch.

At the suggestion of the Provincial Minister of Agriculture it is proposed to make each of our fruit experimenters a referee to decide cases of San Jose scale in his district, thus co-operating as far as possible in the work of detecting its existence in any orchard in the province.

THE PROSPECTS FOR an extraordinary fruit crop never exceeded those of the present season. The pear orchards are literally white with bloom, the peaches are a beautiful pink, the cherry and apple promise equal to any year in the history of Canadian fruit growing. The reports so far received, seem to indicate that this condition is universal throughout the province. That pests will also abound, we doubt not; already the aphid is present on the cherry, and the

rose, and the webworm is on the apple and pear. The scab may possibly not appear, if June is a dry month, but as Prof. Bailey remarks, we should spray as an insurance policy on the fruit, and it will be money well spent.

EXPORT OF FRUIT.—The great question facing us fruit growers this year, especially in view of the possibility of an enormous crop of fruit of all kinds, is the export trade. Can we succeed in placing our fruit products in the great markets of the world in good condition. Last year we had both failure and success, but not enough success to warrant private enterprise to any great extent. This year no effort is to be spared on the part of the Minister of Agriculture for the Dominion, and of the growers interested, to make this important undertaking a complete success, and of all this the CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST will give its readers the fullest information.

THE PRICE OF NURSERY STOCK has not advanced, notwithstanding the exclusion of United States stock, and nobody seems seriously inconvenienced by the San José Scale Act. American nurserymen who had made sales in Canada, have simply bought their stock wholesale from Canadian nurserymen, and packed their orders this side the line; while the surplus was so great in Canada, that fine trees have been almost given away. Fancy, beautiful pear trees, three years of age, wholesaling at from 7 to 10 cents each and peach trees at 5 cents, when a few years ago they could not be bought for less than three times these prices.

Strange that when peach and pear trees are so cheap, our fruit growers do not seize the opportunity of planting