

I do not believe that that question of expense is the whole thing. I am of the impression that our markets might be supplied to some extent during the off season, or cold months, providing our growers, commercial or otherwise, could obtain some reliable, honest facts as to the cost of production, the labor attached to such production, and the gross or net results of a season's work. *Facts* could be given also concerning preparation of the soil for greenhouse benches, how to prepare it, what kind would be preferable for different vegetables, what kind of fertilizers should be used for certain vegetables, and *why* certain fertilizers are used, etc.

The field is a large one and a good one for exploration. I have been doing something in it for my own satisfaction, and the idea suggests itself to me that after reading your editorial on page 40, also in this month's *HORTICULTURIST*, regarding the Guelph college work along these lines, that something should be done to further the general information on this subject for the benefit or profit of those who are in the business. *Why* should not this work be carried on as well as other experimental work, in connection with farm questions in general? I see no reason whatever for further delay, as life is short enough for most of us, and the sooner we get a move on, and give out something for the betterment of the world, the better. As to the Guelph results, I am, along with almost, if not all, the growers here, completely in the dark as to what is going on. It may be possible that a lot of good work is being done, but for some reason or other we do not get a trace of it, which possibly may be our own fault. However, we have *THE HORTICULTURIST*, and if anything is doing, apparently the results might be published in it, and a great many of those who are interested could then see for themselves what has been done.—E. E. Adams, Leamington, Ont.

I congratulate you on the recent changes and improvements in your valuable paper, *THE CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST*.—C. D. Jarvis, Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y.

Fruit Experiment Station

While it has not been officially announced, it is generally understood that the fruit experimental farm the Ont. government purposes establishing in the Niagara district will be located on 50 acres of ground that has been offered to the government free of cost by Mr. M. F. Rittenhouse. This ground is located near Jordan. Mr. Rittenhouse is a well-known millionaire of Chicago, formerly of the Niagara district, who already has given a fine schoolhouse and public library to his old school section near Jordan.

It is understood that the government appointed a committee to inspect the soils, and see if this land would be suitable for the purposes of the farm, and that this committee has reported favorably. It is understood also that more land can be bought immediately adjoining at a reasonable price.

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Items of Interest

The illustration of an apple tree in bloom, shown on the front cover of this issue of *THE HORTICULTURIST*, is that of an old Fall Pippin tree. It is located on the lawn of Mr. C. Ernest Woolverton, at Grimsby, and was planted in 1798 by Mr. Jonathan Woolverton, the great-grandfather of Mr. Linus Woolverton, the former editor of *THE CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST*. The photograph was taken by Mr. Chas. Saunders, of Ottawa.

The Ont. government is considering the advisability of establishing experiment stations in Essex County. If a satisfactory location can be secured, experiments will be conducted in vegetables, fruits and tobacco. This move was recommended by the board of control of the fruit experiment stations at a meeting some time ago.

That it is becoming popular to advertise in *THE CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST*, is shown by the steady increase in our list of advertisers and by the increased space our old advertisers are taking. New advertisers in this issue are the Sovereign Bank and the Dominion Steamship Co. of Montreal. The Robt. Reford Steamship Co., of Montreal, and the Gerhard Heintzman Co., of Toronto, have each doubled their advertising space in this issue. How is that as a sign of progress?

I have been taking *THE CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST* for a number of years, and I must say it is very much improved of late.—Robt. Mitchell, Coleman, Ont.

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