

more this year than ever before. Some are using lime-sulphur and others proprietary preparations. The worst evil of the latter is that they cost much more and are generally not as effective. The weather was very cold up to April 13. Since then the buds have been swelling and grass becoming green. We have had very little rain this spring.

### Annapolis Valley East, N. S.

Eunice Watts

There is a very great demand for nursery stock, of which there are not sufficient trees to supply the call. An interest is being taken in dwarf apple trees, and a few plantations of this form are being set out; these small trees are also being used as fillers, the advantages being that they come into bearing earlier than standard forms, are easier to spray, prune and gather, and more trees can be grown on the acre.

Much interest has been taken in lectures given by Mr. F. W. Chute who has just returned from England where he inspected the apple markets of London and Liverpool. Mr. Chute described the methods of the auctioneers in the various salesrooms, where only ticket holders were allowed to enter; he also compared the English and Nova Scotian fruit growers, and came to the conclusion that people in the Old Country had many lessons to learn from us in spraying, especially if they wished to grow clean apples.

The orchardists of the Annapolis valley are very keen on starting co-operative fruit packing companies. They claim that if the farmers will work together, that there will be a saving of about 30 cents a barrel; the fruit will be packed uniformly, and English apple buyers might give a special commission.

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### The Best Annuals

In commenting on the list of annuals recommended by Mr. Armandale at the meeting referred to on page 102, Mr. R. Cameron, park superintendent, Toronto, advised growing antirrhinums from cuttings as the blooms are then larger and better. Eschscholtzias must be grown from seed in the open, as they cannot be transplanted. He recommended the carnation poppy, sown at intervals the first year, once sown, they reproduce themselves. He questioned the inclusion of verbenas, dianthus and sweet alyssum in a list of annuals, the first and last being perennials and the dianthus, a biennial.

Mr. Cameron also gave the meeting a list of 24 of his own selection as follows: 1, Aspers. 2, Sweet peas. 3, *Linum grandiflorum rubrum*, a grand blooming plant, which grows one foot high, with red and scarlet flowers. It is not good for cutting. Sow it twice successively and in bunches. 4, Mignonette "Machet." 5, *Chrysanthemum odoratum*, new, a pure white and blooms all season. Seed must be sown in a hot bed. 6, *Gaillardia Lorenziana* (double flowers). 7, Ten-week stocks. 8, *Torenia Fournieri*, (6 to 12 inches high). Good for pots, hanging baskets and windows. 9, *Celaria plumosa*. Sow indoors in tiny pots, and put in large box with sand between pots, which will hold moisture. Should be sown in March. Most delicate plants of these generally give the best bloom. 10, Sweet Scabiosa. 11, Antirrhinum, yellow, crimson and pure white. Best blooms and earliest are from cuttings. 12, Nasturiums tall or dwarf. 13, *Lobelia cardinalis*, (12 to 15 inches high). 14, *Phlox Drummondii*. 15, Candytuft, in colors. 16, Annual Larkspur, in colors, sown in open. 17, Coreopsis sown in open. 18 *Statice Suworowi* (lilac color), hardy. 19, Zinnias. 20, *Salspiglossis* (in colors), giant strain. In conjunction with this, sow seeds of *Asperula azurea-sclerosa* in the fall as a border plant for edging and plant in the same row, a foot

apart, *Torenia Fournieri*, the seeds of these to be sown early indoors. The asperula will be the first to bloom in the spring to be succeeded by the torenia. 21, *Eschscholtzia* (California Poppy). Cannot be transplanted. 22 *Centaurea cyanus*. 23, *Linaria bipartita*, violet purple, 12 to 15 inches high. There is also a beautiful white variety. 24, Verbena, which should not be really called an annual.

The following were recommended as climbers: Tall nasturiums. *Humulus Japonicus variegatus*, gourds, hyacinth bean, morning glory and ipomaeas.—G.

### A Reader for Many Years

Among the readers of THE CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST who have been subscribers for many years is Mr. Charles James Fox,



of South London, Ont. In a letter received from him recently, he states, "I became a subscriber to THE CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST in Mr. Beadles' time. As an amateur, I have always taken a great interest in the growing of vegetables and flowers. My love for flowers dates back to the year 1838. I came to Canada in 1856 and settled in Delaware, Ont." For many years Mr. Fox was the secretary and treasurer of the Delaware Township Agricultural Society. During that time he introduced among the farmers many new varieties of early and late potatoes.

"It is very pleasing to me," he writes, "to see the great improvement that has been made in THE CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST. I trust that in another year or two the list of subscribers will be more than double what it is now. I wish the publication every success."

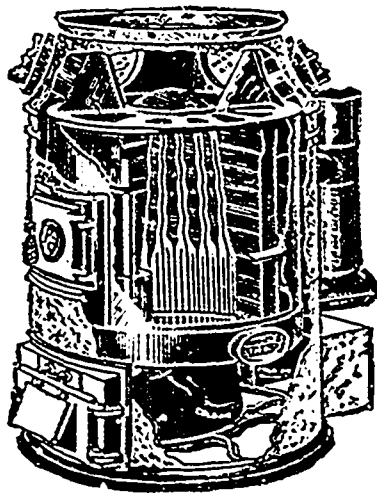
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