

AN ACT TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF THE SAN JOSE SCALE.

Passed January 17th, 1898.

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, enacts as follows:

1. This Act may be cited as *The San Jose Scale Act*. Short title.
2. In this Act the word "Minister" shall mean the Minister of Interpretation Agriculture for the Province of Ontario. "Minister."

The word "plant" shall mean any tree, vine, shrub or plant, or "Plant." any part of a tree, vine, shrub or plant, or the fruit of any tree, vine, shrub or plant.

The word "scale" shall mean the San Jose Scale insect in any of "Scale." its stages of development.
3. No person shall import or bring, or cause to be imported or brought into the Province of Ontario, for any purpose whatsoever, any plant infested with scale. Importation of diseased plants prohibited.
4. No person shall keep, or have, or offer for exchange or sale, any plant infested with scale. Having in possession or selling.
5. For the purpose of scientific investigation the Minister may from time to time, by writing given under his hand, except such persons as he may deem proper from the operation of the two preceding sections, and while acting under such permission, such persons shall not be subject to the penalties imposed by this Act. Scientific investigation.
6. Any person having reason to suspect that any plant in his possession, or in his charge, or keeping, is infested with the scale, shall forthwith communicate with the Minister in regard to the same, and shall furnish the Minister with all such information in regard to the source or origin of the said infestation and the extent and nature of the same as he may be able to give. Notice to Minister on discovery of disease.
7. Whenever the scale exists, or is supposed to exist on any plant, the Minister may direct a competent person to make an examination and inspection, and may order that any plant so infested, or such part as he may deem advisable, shall be immediately