

* Open Letters. *

Letter from Portage la Prairie.

SIR,—I am anxious to try some of the hardiest of apple and plum seeds in this section. Already I have some seedling apples which are doing well. My gooseberries were growing too much to wood, so this spring I scraped the rich black prairie soil away from the bushes and put sand in its place, cutting around the roots, and now they are loaded with fruit, both English and American varieties. My currants are splendid, both black, white and red. I have over two thousand currant bushes. Raspberries and wild plums are a failure here. I have been here fourteen years and have quite a large garden. I am planting one pound of onion seed, one pound carrot seed, one pound beets, besides peas, beans, corn and other stuff. I have already about fourteen acres of turnips. I have two thousand cabbage and five thousand celery plants yet to plant. I think that people who do not grow a large quantity of small fruits, make a great mistake.

JOHN PARKINSON, *Portage la Prairie, Man*

Our Report Appreciated.

SIR,—The Governor-General desires me to thank you for kindly sending him the interesting and valuable Reports of the Fruit Growers' Association of Ontario, which His Excellency will peruse with care and attention, and which cannot fail to be of great practical use. I remain, yours faithfully,

W. T. G. HEWETT, *Priv. Sec.*

Government House, Ottawa, May 25, 1895.

✧ Our Book Table. ✧

BULLETIN 22, Central Experimental Farm, is devoted to raspberries, and contains much interesting information for planters, concerning varieties.

BULLETIN 23, Central Experimental Farm, is devoted to Spraying, Injurious Insects, etc. Both these bulletins are prepared by Mr. John Craig.

INSECT FOES AND HOW TO DESTROY THEM is the title of a remarkably convenient book for fruit growers and farmers, published by the author, Prof. J. Hoyes Panton, of the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph. The book contains 85 pages, giving a brief description of the insects affecting the apple, the pear, the plum, peach, small fruits and vegetables, with a remedy for each. No book that we know of covers so much ground for so little money as this one; and the name of its author, Prof. Panton, should give all our readers confidence in its merits. Price 30 cents. It may be ordered through this office.

M. J. HENRY'S Catalogue of Fruit and Ornamental trees, Vancouver, B. C.

WHOLESALE CATALOGUE DUTCH BULBS, Hulsebosch Bros., Overveen, Holland, and Englewood, N. J.

PRIZE LIST of Canada's Great Fair and Industrial Exhibition, Toronto, Sept. 2 to 14, 1895.

INSECTS AND INSECTICIDES. A practical manual concerning noxious insects and the methods of preventing their injuries. By Clarence M. Weed, D.C.S., Professor of Zoology and Entomology, New Hampshire College of Agriculture. Well illustrated. Price \$1.50. This is the second revised edition and a very useful book for the fruit grower. It has been prepared purposely for the farmer, the fruit grower, floriculturist and housekeeper, and has drawn upon all previously published works on insects, in order to meet the purpose for which it is written. It forms an admirable handbook, and any farmer or fruit grower who buys this book will find that his money has been well invested. The practical directions in this work are brief and to the point, and the descriptions of insects are the same, which is an advantage to the busy farmer.