

these papers or the originals were sent to The Canadian Horticulturist their publication would add to the interest of our floral department and the papers would be of value to many people who would never otherwise hear of them. The printing of these papers would, also, serve to draw attention to the excellent work being carried on by many of our horticultural societies. Send in the papers.

Again this month have extra pages been added to The Horticulturist, this time ten, making this the largest issue we have ever published. This has been made possible by the great increase in advertisements. Very soon we hope it will be possible to continue these pages in The Horticulturist permanently, which will mean that the various regular reading departments can be enlarged and strengthened in other ways. Our readers can be of great assistance by buying from our advertisers and by telling them that their advertisements were seen in The Horticulturist. A glance through our advertising columns will prove them to be as interesting in their way as the pages of reading matter. Look them over and see if this is not the case.

Our handsome new offices in the Manning Chambers, Toronto, were greatly improved during April by lovely floral donations from friends. Two splendid ferns of the *Nephrolepis Bostoniensis* and *Nephrolepis Exaltata* varieties and a *Kentia Belmoreana* palm were given by Mr. Thomas Manton, of Eglinton, of which the *Bostoniensis* fern is particularly beautiful. It occupies a prominent position at the end of the editor's desk. Some lovely cut flowers were also sent in by Mr. Manton. Even roses have not been lacking, as a large bouquet, containing some grand specimens of the *Bride* and *Bridesmaid* varieties, was received from Mr. A. J. Frost, of Toronto. Truly they were welcome and the kindness of the donors is appreciated.

The fruit growers of the Niagara district know what they want and they do not hesitate to ask for it. During the past two months they have had strong deputations wait on the Hon. Nelson Monteith, Minister of Agriculture, to ask for assistance in holding a series of meetings, for the conducting of special spraying demonstrations by Prof. Looshead, for the establishment of a horticultural college and experimental farm, and for an annual grant for the Niagara District Fruit Growers' Association. A deputation representing the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association also waited on the Department to ask for aid in forming cooperative fruit growers associations and to have the act, which provides assistance in the erection of cold storage houses, extended for several years. It is evident the fruit growers are alive to their needs, which is a good sign.

Owing to the rapid increase in the circulation of The Canadian Horticulturist and to the many requests that have been received for back copies it will be impossible for us to furnish any more

copies of the January, March or April issues of this year to new subscribers. Slightly over 400 new subscriptions for The Horticulturist have been received during the past month. These and numerous requests for sample copies exhausted the supply of the April issue early in the month, although several hundred extra copies had been ordered. While the rapid growth is encouraging it is difficult, sometimes, to provide for it in advance. If any of our readers can furnish us with spare copies of the January, March and April issues their kindness will be greatly appreciated.

A reader has called our attention to an error which occurred on page 102 of the March issue by which Mr. W. H. Bunting, of St. Catharines, is made to speak of a dust spray composed of 30 pounds of lime, 15 pounds of sulphuric acid and two pounds of sulphate of copper. Instead of sulphuric acid it should have read sulphur. It is just about as difficult for us to prevent occasional errors among the thousands of words that appear in each issue as it is for a fruit grower to thoroughly control all his insect pests. Some of them get by us in spite of our best efforts. We are, however, doing our best to improve.

NEW ADVERTISERS.

The following new advertisements appear in this issue of The Horticulturist:

Adams Furniture Co., Toronto.
R. Olmstead, Hamilton.
Elwood Tatum, West Branch, Iowa.
Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph.
J. H. Lock, Toronto.
Colling Manufacturing Co., Toronto.
Canada Camera Co., Toronto.
Preston Metal Shingle and Siding Co., Preston.
McWilliams & Everist, Toronto.
Dawson Commission Co., Toronto.
Pilkington Bros., Toronto.
A. M. Smith, St. Catharines, Ont.
Superior Manufacturing Co., Toronto.

The result of cold storage appliances on ocean steamers is well shown by a letter received by Messrs. McIntyre & Barnard, of Niagara-on-the-Lake, who recently shipped 450 barrels of apples to Liverpool on the steamer Lake Champlain. The consignee writes as follows: "The apples reached us in almost perfect condition, there being only five barrels that were in any way slack or open. The sale was the best that has taken place for the class of fruit in Liverpool this season, and we congratulate you on it." The net proceeds from the shipment amounted to about \$1,500, indicating the high prices that may be realized for Canadian apples in the British market when properly packed and shipped.

The fruit growers of Owen Sound and vicinity have formed a company to be known as the Owen Sound Fruit Growing Co., for the purpose of adopting the cooperative system in growing, packing and shipping fruit.