

Paeonies in 1910

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The pæony season of 1910 was remarkable for its brevity. The season was late all over the continent, but it was an excellent one to show amateurs the great possibilities in the pæony. The long season of growth beginning here in the middle of March with an abundance of moisture and a low temperature, seldom however, so low as the freezing point, gave the hardy pæony an unusual opportunity to develop large, strong blooming buds. The large-flowering varieties such as Festiva Maxima, Marie Lemoine, Madame Cabot, Duchesse de Nemours, Mathilde de Roseneck, Mons Jules Elie, and others, responded magnificently.

While the season was favorable to the pæony amateur it was unprofitable to the commercial grower of blooms. During the moist, cool weather of May and early June the buds were slowly developing but would not open. So fully formed were the buds before warm weather came that it required only two or three hot days to expand these buds into fully opened blooms and there was little difference in the time of blooming between early and mid-season varieties. The cutting season was about one-fifth of the usual length. The season of 1910 will no doubt give an impetus to the planting by amateurs of the finer varieties of pæonies.

A Quebec Nursery

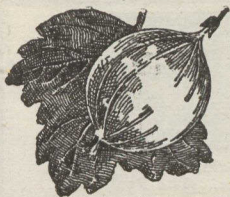
A representative of THE CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST recently paid a visit to the Canadian Nursery situated at Point Claire, a few miles west of Montreal. A general line of fruit and ornamentals is grown here. The location and soil seem to be splendidly suited for the purpose. Stock which is grown in this locality is possessed of great hardiness and gives good results in a severe climate. This is evidenced by the fact that large quantities of stock that have been shipped annually to Manitoba and the North West, have given excellent results. A large block of Norway Maples and Carolina Poplar, which are favorites in the West, was seen ready for transplanting.

All ornamental trees grown on the nursery are now lugged instead of allowing the seedlings to grow up. This makes considerable extra work, but results in producing straight, uniform trees, superior to those grown direct from seed.

All stock grown on the nursery is grown from their own cuttings, as trouble has been experienced in securing stock true to name or that would give satisfactory results in this climate. All fruit trees are cut back at the end of the first year, as recommended by Mr. W. T. Maccun, for the production of uniform and vigorous stock. A few three year old apple trees were seen which had not been so treated, and which were very little ahead of two year old trees which had been cut back. Several fine blocks of three year old apple trees were seen which had attained a height of about eight feet, and which will be dispensed of this coming season.

It might be thought that pears would not thrive in the vicinity of Montreal, but the vigorous appearance of a block of two and three year old pear trees of the standard varieties indicated the contrary. Currants, gooseberries and other small fruit looked exceedingly well.

Recent publications to reach us include the fortieth annual report of the Entomological Society of Ontario, the fifth annual report of the Ontario Vegetable Growers' Association for 1909 and Bulletin No. 100 of the Experimental Station, dealing with the fertilization of apple orchards.

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Gooseberries, Josselyn, Red Jacket, Downing, Pearl, Houghton.—Currants, Perfection, Ruby, Cherry, White Grape, Lee's Prolific, Champion, Black Naples, Victoria.—Raspberries, Herbert, Cuthbert, Marlboro, Brinckle's Orange, Golden Queen, Strawberry-Raspberry.—Garden Roots, Asparagus, Rhubarb, Perennial Celery,

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