

A Leading Nurseryman

A nurseryman who has been coming to the front in Canada rapidly during the past few years is Mr. Charles H. K. Baillie, who, on the first of the

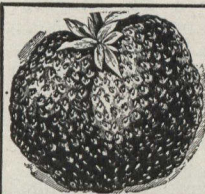


year, severed his connection with the firm of E. D. Smith to take charge of the nurseries and offices of the Canadian Nursery Co. at Montreal, as their general manager. Mr. Baillie entered into the nursery business in 1894. It was his father's wish to give him a thorough practical training, and in that year he was apprenticed to the Royal Nurseries at Newton and Upton, England. His father (the late Edmund J. Baillie, F.L.S.) was chairman and managing director of these nurseries up to the time of his death, and Mr. Baillie's eldest brother, Edmund Baillie, is still associated with these nurseries, and has charge of their branch office in Ireland. These nurseries are now run under the name of Dicksons, Limited, and they have still a world-wide reputation for their roses and ornamental stock. The main nurseries are situated a few miles outside the historic old town of Chester, and the grounds are still counted as the largest of their kind in Great Britain. They cover about five hundred acres. The business was conducted on departmental lines, and Mr. Baillie's experience there included a programme of work set down by his father, which covered over five years in

the ornamental and forest trees, fruit trees, herbaceous and alpine plants, and the landscape gardening departments. Later he was taken into the office, where he remained until shortly after the death of his father. He then left the nursery business for a short period, and during part of this time studied some branches of entomology at the Grosvenor Museum and decoration and design as applied to the laying out of gardens at the School of Science and Art at Chester. Nine years ago he came to Canada and was engaged by Mr. E. D. Smith, of Winona, as an assistant in his nursery department, and a few years later was given entire charge of this department.

The Canadian Nursery, with which Mr. Baillie is now associated, has a most up-to-date nursery on the Island of Montreal at Pointe Claire, and the location in which their trees are grown leaves little doubt in one's mind as to their hardiness. In 1904 Mr. Baillie became known to the readers of THE CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST by a series of articles that he contributed to this magazine.

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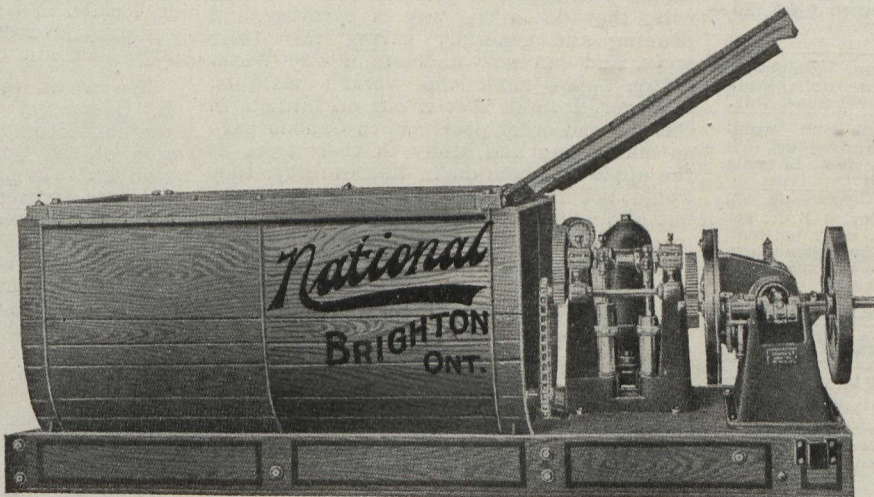
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