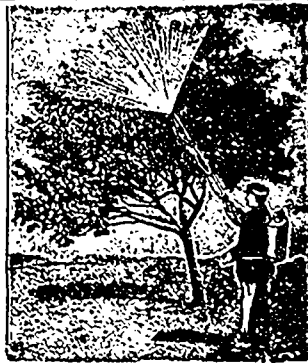
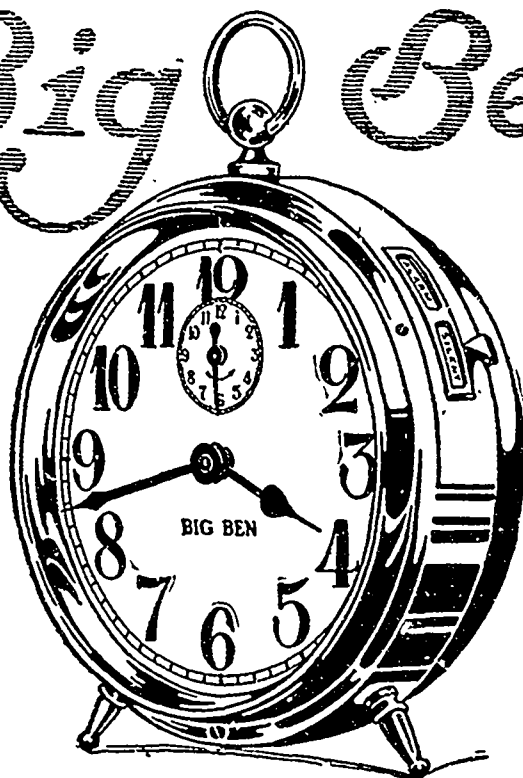


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stroying insect pests and noxious weeds. What avails it if one farmer keeps his land clean and his neighbor leaves his dirty with weeds and a breeding place for insects. I am strongly in favor of compulsory spraying, for what is worth planting is worth caring for.

A great many of our farm implements are very expensive, and in many cases used only for a day or two and then put away for another year. What a saving it would be if growers would cooperate in their purchase and use. I refer especially to power sprayers, ditching machines, and even in manure spreaders, potato planters, and potato diggers. Cooperative associations should assist in their purchase.

A Word for House Sparrows

R. Walter Brooks, Brantford

The common house sparrow has been condemned as being a dirty, useless, mischievous bird that is not insectivorous. I wish to defend him, as I have been taking observations for some time, having had several sparrows nest in the cornice of my barn.

A few years ago we could not raise any grapes owing to the ravages of the steel bug. Now I have not seen one for three or four years. Last year I saw a sparrow catch a yellow (cabbage) butterfly, take it to the ground, pull off both wings, pick up the body, and fly away. Another day I saw a sparrow with what I took to be a large Empress Moth. I tried to get closer to it, but it flew away.

I also saw several sparrows catch June bugs and eat them. Last summer, while sitting on my lawn, I noticed some sparrows flying and catching something. Upon making investigation, I found a nest of flying ants, which were flying straight up into the air. The sparrows were waiting for them, and catching every one. A worm also has been ravaging the Boston Ivy. I have seen the sparrows catch them. Now I cannot find one. The wasp (Yellow Jacket) is also a despised insect. I saw one attack a green cabbage worm, eat part of it, and fly away with the remainder.

Items of Interest

The Toronto Nurseries, at 1167 Queen St. East, Toronto, is conducted by Mr. J. McF. Ross, the well-known contributor of articles to THE CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST. Mr. Ross's many years of experience in the nursery business should ensure good results for

the customers of this firm.

The Farmers' Club at Rednorville, Prince Edward County, Ontario, recently went on record to the effect that it did not consider the Dominion Government was exercising sufficient care in the selection of fruit inspectors competent to judge of the proper packing of fruit. The club advocates growers grouping themselves in sufficient numbers to be able to furnish buyers with several carloads of goods packed ready for shipment.

Parks Commissioner Chambers, of Toronto, recently outlined at the annual meeting of the Toronto Civic Guild an immediate boulevard system extending for forty-five miles along the outer edge of greater Toronto, and involving an expenditure of \$7,000,000, the plans for which have been prepared. When completed it will be one of the finest on the continent. The lighting system will be a feature of these boulevards, which will link up the city's parks.