

from the author, Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa. The titles of the paragraphs will give an idea of the scope of the publication, viz.: "Site and Soil"; "Plants and Planting"; "Cultivation and Watering"; "Manuring"; "Pruning"; "Winter Protection"; "Insects and Fungous Enemies and How to Treat Them," and pages 7 to 12 are occupied in listing the "Best Varieties of Roses." Ottawa growers will find the information on pages 11 and 12 of much value as we have here reliable data on the successful growing of many choice varieties at Ottawa. During the past 21 years very many varieties have been tested on the Central Experimental Farm.

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### CORRESPONDENCE.

The Editor, OTTAWA NATURALIST:

Many of your readers know of the bird nesting boxes made in Germany after the pattern of Baron von Berlepsch, and some would doubtless like to get them, if available at a reasonable figure, but importation from Europe is of course expensive. To meet this need I have just brought out a few dozen assorted sizes and will turn these over to any nature lover at actual cost as long as they last. The sizes are:

- A1. For Wrens.
- A. Tree Swallows and Wrens, etc.
- B. Blue Bird, Crested Fly Catcher.
- C. Flicker.
- D. Screech Owl, Sparrow Hawk, Flicker.

The first two sizes cost 40c., B. 50c.,  
and C. and D. \$1.15.

The packing in London will cost 15c. for one and 5c. for each additional one. Remittances should, of course, be made with the order. It is quite probable that several Ottawa people would want to buy these, and it might be advisable to have the orders collected by your secretary and shipped in one lot, which would economize in packing and freight. The boxes are not here at this writing, but are expected by February 15th, and it would be well to have them in advance so that they may be put in place by the time the birds arrive.

In 1912 the first Flicker I saw was the one in the nesting box within twenty feet of my bedside, where they nested last year, which goes to show that they do not waste any time in looking over the ground.

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