

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

SPRAYING IN BLOSSOMING TIME.—In open letters Mr. Holterman calls attention to the transgression of the law in certain sections. The Fruit Growers' Association has no sympathy with such violation, because the bee is the best friend of the fruit grower, and we desire to be known as its special guardians.

NEWTOWN PIPPINS are a short crop this year. In Virginia the Yellow Newtown Pippin is the most valued export apple; it is known and exported under the name of the Albermarle Pippin; but this year the whole crop of this apple in the State does not amount to more than 1,000 barrels. The price for the first grade, in even this year of low prices, is \$6 per barrel in New York City, and about \$8 in Liverpool, according to Garden and Forest. Ordinary stock, however, of this and other winter apples, is but 60c. to \$1.25 per barrel.

REGARDING THE FRUIT TARIFF, the following resolution was passed by our Association at Kingston, viz.:—M. Burrell moved, seconded by E. D. Smith, that "for the guidance of the committee appointed to appear before the tariff commission, this meeting expresses the opinion that the present import duties on fruit should be maintained as they are, with these changes: the ad valorem duty on pears and plums of twenty and twenty-five per cent. respectively be changed to a specific duty of one cent per pound, and that the duty on imported peaches be increased to two cents a pound." The resolution was carried unanimously. E. D. Smith moved, seconded by M. Pettit, that "as it is extremely important to prevent the utter ruin of Canadian nurserymen, by unfair competition of the United States nurserymen, driven to

selling stock at a frightful loss by the enormous production of southern nurserymen, and as the consequence of such ruin of Canadian nurserymen, this country would be flooded with southern grown stock, which, though fine in appearance, is not at all suited for planting in Canada, this meeting is of opinion that the existing duties on such stock should be maintained." The resolution was carried without dissent.

PEACHES IN THE LATITUDE OF HUDSON'S BAY.—Mr. Arthur K. Grant, of Armstrong, B.C., writes as follows: A few peach trees planted here in favorable location have borne fruit the past two years. As this locality is over fifty degrees north, it is, I presume, the most northern point in America where this tender fruit has matured. Fifty and half degrees north would place the fruit growers of Ontario near the waters of Hudson Bay.

COLD STORAGE IN NOVA SCOTIA.—During the recent trip of the Hon. S. Fisher and Dr. Saunders throughout Nova Scotia, the fruit growers were met at the Horticultural School at Wolfville, and were very enthusiastic over the prospect of the cold storage accommodation proposed by the Hon. Minister for the encouragement of the export trade in fruit. The growers seemed to agree in favoring Halifax, their shipping port, as the best place for a cold storage house on a large scale, where the fruit could be kept at an even low temperature until placed in cold apartments on the steamship. We acknowledge receipt of the Acadia Fruit Grower, from the President of the Association, Mr. C. W. Bigelow, containing a full account of the above meeting.