

SECTIONS OF ACTS AND AMENDMENTS RESPECTING THE PROVINCIAL BOARD OF HORTICULTURE.

There is hereby created a Provincial Board of Horticulture, to consist of two ex-officio members, viz., the Minister of Agriculture and the Deputy Minister of Agriculture (who shall act as Secretary of the Board), and three members, who shall be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council, one from each of the horticultural districts which are hereby created, to wit:—

Creation of Board of Horticulture.

- (1.) The First District shall comprise Vancouver Island and the Islands adjacent thereto;
- (2.) The Second District shall comprise the Electoral Districts of New Westminster City, Vancouver City, Westminster, Cassiar, and that portion of Comox lying on the mainland of British Columbia;
- (3.) The Third District shall comprise the remainder of British Columbia not included in the two other districts.

The Lieutenant-Governor in Council shall appoint, from the number of the Board or from without their number, to hold office at the pleasure of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, a competent person especially qualified by practical experience in horticulture, who shall be known as "Inspector of Fruit Pests." It shall be the duty of said Inspector to visit the horticultural districts of the Province to see that all the regulations of said Board be made known to the people of the Province, and to enforce this Act and the said regulations in the manner therein, or in this Act prescribed. The Inspector shall, from time to time, and whenever required by said Board, report to it such information as he may secure from observation, experience, and otherwise, as to the best method of diminishing and eradicating fruit pests and diseases from orchards, and also suggestions as to practical horticulture, the adoption of produce suitable to soil, climate, and markets, and such other facts and information as shall be calculated to advance the horticultural interests of the Province. The Inspector shall, from time to time, under the direction of the Board, hold meetings throughout the Province in the interests of horticulture, and impart such information and instruction to fruit-growers and farmers as may tend to the improvement and expansion of the fruit industry of the Province.

Duties.

Any member of the Board, their Inspector or agent, upon the complaint of interested parties, or upon his own motion, may inspect, or cause to be inspected, fruit, trees, plants, grafts, scions, nursery stock of all description, orchard debris, empty fruit boxes or packages, and other material, orchards, nurseries, and other places, suspected or believed to be infested with fruit pests, or infected with contagious diseases injurious to trees, plants, or fruits, and for the purposes thereof he shall have full power and authority to enter in and upon any farm, orchard, nursery, or garden, or any barn, warehouse, storehouse, shop or other place or building, and if he shall find that the said fruit, trees, plants, grafts, scions, nursery stock of all description, orchard debris, empty fruit boxes or packages, and other material, orchards, nurseries and other places are infested with fruit pests, or affected with contagious diseases injurious to trees, plants, or fruits, as aforesaid, such member, or Inspector, or agent, shall notify in writing the owner or person having charge of such premises or property, within a time to be prescribed in such notice, to treat and disinfect said premises or property in the manner presented in such notice; and such property shall not be removed after the owner or person in charge of the same shall have been notified in writing as aforesaid, without the written permission of a member of the Board or the Inspector; and if the person so notified shall neglect or refuse to treat and disinfect the said premises or property, in the manner and within the time prescribed in the said notice, such person shall be deemed guilty of a violation of this Act; and if it appears on the trial that any orchard, trees, nursery, building, or any other structures, premises or property in charge of or belonging to the defendant referred to in said notice, or any part of such structures, premises, or property, is infested or affected as aforesaid, the Court

Member of Board or Inspector to inspect.

Notify owner to disinfect.