

**Tree Nursery Industry.**—The first Canadian commercial nursery was established near Fonthill, Ont., in 1837, and was followed within five years by the establishment of a nursery by a Rochester, N.Y., firm in Toronto. Since that time the industry has steadily spread as the country has developed, until to-day there are approximately 170 firms growing or dealing in nursery stock of all kinds, including fruit trees. Canadian nurserymen have made great advancement in the type and hardiness of stock used for grafting and budding purposes, greatly enhancing the resistance of the trees against winter injury, an important factor in Canadian orcharding. The great problem of mixing varieties has been solved by the recent investigations carried out by the Dominion Experimental Stations, which have led to a system of identifying the different varieties in the nursery row. Identification of the varieties of apples has proved possible of accomplishment by any person after a few months' study of the varietal characteristics, while other fruits under study, such as peaches and pears, are proving equally easy to identify.

Table 34 shows the total numbers and values of fruit trees, bushes and plants sold by nurserymen for the four years 1923, 1924, 1925 and 1926. For 1919 and 1920, see the Canada Year Book of 1921, p. 257.

**34.—Numbers and Values of Fruit Trees, Bushes and Plants, sold by Nurserymen in Canada, years ended May 31, 1923, 1924, 1925 and 1926.**

| Description of Tree, Bush or Plant. | Number Sold.   |                |                |                | Total Value.   |                |                |                |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|                                     | 1923.          | 1924.          | 1925.          | 1926.          | 1923.          | 1924.          | 1925.          | 1926.          |
|                                     | No.            | No.            | No.            | No.            | \$             | \$             | \$             | \$             |
| <b>Apples—</b>                      |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |                |
| Early.....                          | 60,554         | 47,351         | 58,549         | 47,750         | 26,647         | 21,227         | 29,330         | 21,549         |
| Fall.....                           | 91,556         | 66,774         | 121,043        | 74,817         | 39,632         | 30,728         | 60,084         | 30,730         |
| Winter.....                         | 229,796        | 203,608        | 277,431        | 240,149        | 95,254         | 87,148         | 119,011        | 84,884         |
| Crab apples.....                    | 16,104         | 14,184         | 18,642         | 15,518         | 5,635          | 5,747          | 8,127          | 7,526          |
| <b>Total apples...</b>              | <b>398,010</b> | <b>331,917</b> | <b>475,665</b> | <b>378,234</b> | <b>167,168</b> | <b>144,850</b> | <b>216,552</b> | <b>144,739</b> |
| Pears.....                          | 45,252         | 42,889         | 45,269         | 46,974         | 25,101         | 26,020         | 28,391         | 24,695         |
| Plums.....                          | 54,414         | 57,133         | 57,415         | 62,866         | 33,779         | 34,396         | 32,604         | 29,327         |
| Peaches.....                        | 76,267         | 74,302         | 73,656         | 90,033         | 21,042         | 20,264         | 23,942         | 23,751         |
| Cherries.....                       | 64,735         | 55,540         | 51,944         | 60,233         | 40,257         | 33,063         | 35,748         | 34,066         |
| Apricots.....                       | -              | 2,259          | 1,893          | 6,297          | -              | 904            | 757            | 2,879          |
| Quinces.....                        | 360            | 104            | 283            | 262            | 120            | 61             | 136            | 115            |
| Blackberries.....                   | 39,519         | 29,851         | 38,772         | 39,357         | 2,115          | 1,093          | 2,686          | 2,465          |
| Currants.....                       | 162,729        | 129,270        | 137,779        | 109,512        | 15,979         | 11,511         | 20,475         | 12,342         |
| Grapes.....                         | 211,967        | 293,018        | 198,501        | 258,746        | 18,375         | 27,714         | 23,370         | 22,667         |
| Gooseberries.....                   | 70,930         | 67,369         | 66,721         | 58,236         | 8,799          | 9,163          | 15,313         | 11,579         |
| Raspberries.....                    | 511,598        | 513,078        | 449,720        | 658,869        | 17,473         | 20,726         | 25,719         | 36,229         |
| Loganberries.....                   | 14,329         | 1,805          | 2,348          | 1,178          | 884            | 258            | 191            | 111            |
| Strawberries.....                   | 1,787,905      | 2,212,645      | 1,521,655      | 1,784,865      | 15,136         | 19,503         | 17,456         | 23,568         |
| <b>Total Value..</b>                | <b>-</b>       | <b>-</b>       | <b>-</b>       | <b>-</b>       | <b>366,223</b> | <b>350,426</b> | <b>443,340</b> | <b>368,533</b> |