

Tree Nursery Industry.—The first Canadian commercial nursery was established near Fonthill, Ont., and it was followed within a few years by the establishment of a nursery in Toronto by a Rochester, N.Y., firm. 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 various Experimental Stations, leading 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 32 shows the total numbers and values of fruit trees, bushes and plants sold by nurserymen for the four years 1924-27. For 1919 and 1920, see the Canada Year Book of 1921, p. 257, and for 1921 and 1923, see the Canada Year Book of 1926, p. 241.

32.—Numbers and Values of Fruit Trees, Bushes and Plants, sold by Nurserymen in Canada, years ended May 31, 1924-27.

Description of Tree, Bush or Plant. ¹	Number Sold.				Total Value.			
	1924.	1925.	1926.	1927.	1924.	1925.	1926.	1927.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Apples—								
Early.....	47,351	58,549	47,750	54,682	21,227	29,330	21,549	23,698
Fall.....	66,774	121,043	74,817	83,543	30,728	60,084	30,780	36,176
Winter.....	203,688	277,431	240,149	174,828	87,148	119,011	84,884	66,328
Crab apples.....	14,184	18,642	15,518	23,090	5,747	8,127	7,526	8,644
Total apples.....	331,917	475,665	378,234	336,143	144,850	216,552	144,739	135,446
Pears.....	42,889	45,269	46,974	40,260	26,920	28,391	24,695	19,148
Plums.....	57,133	57,415	62,866	54,474	34,396	32,694	29,327	21,148
Peaches.....	74,302	73,656	90,095	103,872	20,264	23,942	23,751	24,300
Cherries.....	55,540	51,944	60,233	60,517	33,063	35,748	34,066	29,365
Apricots.....	2,259	1,893	6,297	1,022	904	757	2,879	509
Quinces.....	104	283	262	143	61	136	115	89
Blackberries.....	29,851	38,772	39,357	28,092	1,093	2,686	2,465	1,848
Currants.....	129,270	137,779	109,512	151,312	11,511	20,475	12,342	13,551
Grapes.....	293,018	198,501	258,746	302,059	27,714	23,370	22,667	20,590
Gooseberries.....	67,369	66,721	58,236	74,294	9,163	15,313	11,579	12,179
Raspberries.....	513,078	449,720	658,869	535,975	20,726	25,719	36,329	18,747
Loganberries.....	1,805	2,348	1,178	1,372	258	191	111	159
Strawberries.....	2,212,645	1,521,655	1,784,865	2,036,882	19,508	17,456	23,568	20,614
Total Value.....	-	-	-	-	359,426	443,340	368,533	317,661

Subsection 7.—Special Agricultural Crops.

Maple Sugar and Syrup.—The Canada Year Book, 1924, contained a description of the process of maple sugar-making on pages 247 and 248. Table 33 gives the production and value of maple sugar and syrup in Canada for the years 1926, 1927 and 1928, as estimated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.¹

¹ For details see Monthly Bulletin of Agricultural Statistics for June, 1928, pp. 214-215.