

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 35 shows the total numbers and values of fruit trees, bushes and plants sold by nurserymen for the four years 1925-28. 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.

35.—Numbers and Values of Fruit Trees, Bushes and Plants, sold by Nurserymen in Canada, years ended May 31, 1925-28.

Description of Tree, Bush or Plant.	Number Sold.				Total Value.			
	1925.	1926.	1927.	1928.	1925.	1926.	1927.	1928.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Apples—								
Early.....	58,549	47,750	54,682	65,677	29,330	21,549	23,698	26,138
Fall.....	121,043	74,817	83,543	73,742	60,084	30,780	36,176	29,590
Winter.....	277,431	240,149	174,828	182,775	119,011	84,884	66,928	66,530
Crab apples.....	18,642	15,518	23,090	19,614	8,127	7,526	8,644	6,279
Total apples.....	475,665	378,234	336,143	341,808	216,552	144,739	135,446	128,537
Pears.....	45,269	46,974	40,260	39,403	28,391	24,695	19,148	19,495
Plums.....	57,415	62,866	54,474	58,388	32,604	29,327	21,148	22,972
Peaches.....	73,656	90,035	103,872	103,837	23,942	23,751	24,300	24,695
Cherries.....	51,944	60,233	60,517	58,780	35,748	34,066	29,365	29,106
Apricots.....	1,893	6,297	1,022	2,009	757	2,879	509	786
Quinces.....	283	262	143	609	136	115	59	218
Blackberries.....	38,772	39,357	28,092	35,462	2,686	2,465	1,846	1,731
Currants.....	137,779	109,512	151,312	116,858	20,475	12,342	13,551	9,514
Grapes.....	198,501	258,746	302,059	599,617	23,370	22,667	20,590	38,197
Gooseberries.....	66,721	58,236	74,294	70,297	15,313	11,579	12,179	12,124
Raspberries.....	449,720	658,869	535,975	547,524	25,719	36,229	18,747	29,677
Loganberries.....	2,348	1,178	1,372	3,024	191	111	159	258
Strawberries.....	1,521,655	1,784,865	2,036,882	2,235,700	17,456	23,568	20,614	38,227
Total Value.....	-	-	-	-	443,340	368,533	317,661	355,537

Floriculture.—Data collected at the 1921 census show that in that year 9,957,243 square feet were under glass in greenhouse and hothouse establishments, which also possessed 3,126 acres not under glass. The receipts of these establishments in that year totalled \$4,026,427, of which \$2,778,473 or 69 p.c. were for flowers and flowering plants and \$1,247,954 or 31 p.c. for vegetable and vegetable plants. According to a recent survey, provisional figures indicate an area under glass in 1928 of 15,764,234 square feet. The production and value of floricultural and decorative plants grown in Canada and sold during the year ended May 31, 1928, was ascertained by this survey to have been \$2,680,130, as indicated by Table 36.