

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.

Table 31 shows the total numbers and values of fruit trees, bushes and plants sold by nurserymen for the four years 1923-31. For 1919 and 1920, see the Canada Year Book of 1921, p. 257; for 1921 and 1923, see the Canada Year Book of 1926, p. 241; for 1924 and 1925, see the Canada Year Book of 1929, p. 257; for 1926 and 1927, see the Canada Year Book of 1931, p. 246.

31.—Numbers and Values of Fruit Trees, Bushes and Plants, Sold by Nurserymen in Canada, years ended May 31, 1923-31.

Description of Tree, Bush or Plant.	Number Sold.				Total Value.			
	1923.	1929.	1930.	1931.	1923.	1929.	1930.	1931.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Apples—								
Early.....	65,677	52,850	45,587	42,455	26,138	20,295	16,466	17,225
Fall.....	73,742	62,892	63,354	42,352	29,590	23,014	24,408	13,964
Winter.....	182,775	151,503	159,361	151,831	66,530	51,824	54,592	57,171
Crab apples.....	19,614	18,702	12,281	8,828	6,279	6,188	3,783	3,301
Totals, Apples.	341,808	285,947	280,583	244,966	128,537	101,321	99,249	91,663
Pears.....	39,403	34,863	35,198	41,268	19,495	15,340	15,618	20,569
Plums.....	58,388	57,693	50,686	37,168	22,972	21,263	30,033	18,555
Peaches.....	103,837	88,180	53,466	72,190	24,695	22,200	14,271	17,814
Cherries.....	58,780	51,752	47,738	48,396	29,106	25,840	22,837	25,024
Apricots.....	2,009	312	556	926	786	154	276	496
Quinces.....	609	72	69	157	218	30	31	86
Blackberries.....	35,462	40,825	24,170	27,838	1,731	2,279	1,216	1,293
Currants.....	116,858	92,901	69,724	65,777	9,514	8,923	5,937	6,376
Grapes.....	599,617	750,083	1,047,847	483,734	38,197	47,788	75,408	39,126
Gooseberries.....	70,297	39,859	35,742	30,866	12,124	6,740	5,411	5,004
Raspberries.....	547,524	506,290	520,504	603,076	29,677	27,267	25,715	26,666
Loganberries.....	3,024	2,155	1,862	7,143	258	198	179	2,539
Strawberries.....	2,235,700	2,004,258	1,593,353	1,539,159	38,227	17,833	17,076	14,660
Totals.....	-	-	-	-	355,537	297,176	303,257	269,906

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 possess 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 vegetables and vegetable plants. According to a more 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, 1930, was ascertained by this survey to have been \$2,879,041 as indicated by Table 32.