

The Fruit Nursery Industry.—The first commercial nursery in Canada was established near Fonthill, Ont., and this district still continues to be one of the leading centres of the industry. While the Province of Ontario accounts for the major part of the fruit stock output, there are nurseries distributed through all the provinces. The wholesale value of the product sold during the year ended May 31, 1942, showed an increase of 11.8 p.c. as compared with the previous year.

27.—Numbers and Wholesale Values of Fruit Trees, Bushes and Plants Sold by Nurserymen in Canada, Years Ended May 31, 1939-42

Kind of Tree, Bush or Plant	Sold by Nurserymen				Values			
	1939	1940	1941	1942	1939	1940	1941	1942
	No.	No.	No.	No.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Apple—								
Early.....	80,447	59,452	51,949	59,822	23,912	16,252	13,255	15,906
Fall.....	92,972	71,523	59,263	58,130	29,893	20,870	15,826	16,142
Winter.....	270,228	239,029	190,307	216,299	77,254	59,156	45,775	53,984
Crab.....	29,878	22,154	20,245	19,992	8,453	5,577	4,898	5,349
Totals, Apple...	473,525	392,158	321,764	354,243	139,512	101,855	79,754	91,381
Crab seedlings...	Nil	7,308	3,421	Nil	—	75	34	—
Root grafts.....	50,000	Nil	Nil	—	1,750	—	—	—
Pear.....	87,981	81,474	89,943	95,497	29,172	22,512	26,839	30,256
Pear grafts.....	2,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	80	—	—	—
Pear seedlings...	Nil	—	50	300	—	—	5	30
Plum.....	78,833	73,653	77,449	68,755	27,429	23,262	26,250	22,100
Plum seedlings..	Nil	4,127	1,782	2,039	—	71	56	102
Peach.....	187,929	180,028	185,708	189,008	36,785	28,980	28,579	31,773
Cherry.....	93,058	93,994	86,433	98,561	31,768	29,367	27,606	33,154
Cherry seedlings	1,760	500	7,074	1,300	138	15	527	16
Apricot.....	5,972	7,927	7,783	13,515	1,817	2,087	2,062	3,388
Apricot seedlings	Nil	Nil	Nil	394	—	—	—	39
Nectarine.....	144	57	71	76	45	18	22	20
Quince.....	350	552	356	522	136	202	118	177
Blackberry.....	31,975	35,241	21,710	32,315	944	1,081	635	1,098
Currant.....	97,809	66,230	93,136	103,921	7,054	4,487	8,044	9,128
Grape.....	197,615	170,732	226,581	230,126	14,902	10,625	13,583	16,448
Grape seedlings..	Nil	Nil	800	Nil	—	—	16	—
Gooseberry.....	41,455	31,600	36,332	34,971	4,792	3,087	4,143	4,001
Raspberry.....	693,404	669,676	544,708	676,629	15,823	13,665	11,763	16,122
Loganberry.....	5,695	1,459	7,003	9,061	392	160	330	389
Strawberry.....	1,990,167	1,641,833	1,319,564	992,006	12,226	9,012	8,312	7,364
Totals.....					324,765	250,561	238,678	266,986

Vegetable Production.—Satisfactory annual statistics of the commercial vegetable-growing industry are not at present available, but important information on the subject is to be obtained through the decennial census. Figures for the Censuses of 1911, 1921 and 1931 will be found at pp. 254-255 of the 1936 Year Book.

Floriculture.—For the five years prior to 1940 statistics of sales of floricultural and ornamental nursery stocks were somewhat incomparable, owing to the fact that the list of firms included in the survey was extended during the period. This qualification also applies to the 1941 and 1942 figures, although in lesser degree.