

as referred to in last month's notes, in which case the first application is made as early as possible and the second toward the end of August.

The strength of the oil spray recommended for the control of the diseases mentioned is as follows:—

Mussel scale: Pip-fruits, 1-12; stone-fruits, 1-15 to 1-17.

San Jose scale: Pip and stone fruits, 1-15 to 1-17; citrus fruits, 1-20 to 1-25.

Woolly aphid and mealy bug: 1-15.

Red mite: Pip-fruits, 1-12 to 1-15; stone-fruits, 1-15 to 1-17.

UNRELIABLE ADVERTISING AND PACKING.

At the recent Patriotic National Apple Show held in Wellington Town Hall a case of apples was placed on exhibition by the Department of Agriculture bearing the following inscription: "Supplied direct from the orchard as 'A' grade Sturmers—Such unreliability disgusts buyers and kills trade." This case of fruit was forwarded to the Department by a buyer who bought it direct from the grower on account of an advertisement in the newspapers by a well-known orchardist, advising the public, among other things, to buy direct from the orchard if they wished to secure a reliable article less the middleman's charges. This matter is mentioned here with the object of warning growers who are engaged in this class of trade of the danger to their business which must follow unreliable advertising and packing. The fruit referred to, marked "A" grade, were small, badly spray-scorched, deformed, measly rubbish, scarcely fit to be termed "C" grade.

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MOVING BEES.

If it is desired to move the hives to a new location the work should be carried out at the present season while the bees are dormant. Great losses are caused by beekeepers postponing moving until the spring. It is well to remember that in our climate, from one end of the Dominion to the other, the dormant condition lasts but a very short time, and full advantage should be taken of it, more especially when the bees are transferred only a short distance. In the latter case there will be an inevitable loss of bees unless