

tion, statistics and the results of such investigations at such times and in such manner as to it shall seem best adapted to the efficient dissemination thereof; and except where such powers and duties are by law conferred or laid upon other boards, commissions or officials, the State Board of Agriculture shall have general supervision, direction and control of the herein recited matters, and generally of all matters in any way affecting or relating to the fostering protection and development of the agricultural interests of the State, including the encouragement of desirable immigration thereto, with power and authority to issue rules and regulations in respect thereof not in conflict with the Constitution and Laws of the State or the United States, which shall have the force and effect of law, and all violations of which shall be punished as misdemeanors are punished at common law; and where such powers and duties are by law conferred or laid on other governmental agencies may co-operate in the execution and performance thereof, and when so co-operating each shall be vested with such authority as is now or may hereafter by law be conferred on the other. The powers and duties herein recited shall be in addition to and not in limitation of any power and duties which now are or hereafter may be conferred or laid upon said board."

## STATE HORTICULTURAL DEPARTMENT

College Park, Md.

The State Horticultural Law was enacted by the 1898 Session of the Maryland Legislature (Laws of Maryland, 1898, Chapter 289). The law creates the offices of the State Entomologist, State Pathologist and State Horticulturist. The following articles under Section No. 1 of said Act will explain briefly the duties of the officers and the scope of the work of the Department:

That a State Horticultural Department be established for the State of Maryland; that its purpose is to suppress and eradicate the San Jose Scale, peach-yellow, pear-blight and other injuriously dangerous insect pests and plant diseases throughout the State of Maryland.

That the Professor of Entomology, the Professor of Vegetable Pathology, and the Professor of Horticulture of the University of Maryland and Experiment Station shall be the State Entomologist, State Pathologist and State Horticulturist, respectively.

That the said Horticultural Department shall be under the control of the Board of Regents of the University of Maryland and Experiment Station, to whom the officers created under this Act shall be responsible.

That it shall be the duty of said State Entomologist and State Pathologist, their assistants and employees, under the control of Regents of said University to seek out and suppress all pernicious insect pests and contagious diseases hereinbefore mentioned as destructive to horticultural interests of the State, and conduct experiments when necessary to accomplish that end.

The State Entomologist and State Pathologist are also required to inspect all tree and plant nurseries in the State and issue certificates of inspection to permit the distribution of such nursery stock.

All matters pertaining to orchard and nursery inspection as well as cases of infestation or infection by injurious insects or plant diseases attacking any crop in the State is taken care of so far as means will permit by the members of this Department.