

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 282). 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 Maryland Agricultural College 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 Trustees of the Maryland Agricultural College 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 Trustees of said College, to seek out and suppress all pernicious insect pests and contagious diseases hereinbefore mentioned as destructive to horticultural interests of this 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.

The work of the Department is closely associated with the Horticultural extension work conducted by the Maryland State College of Agriculture.

The officers of the Department are as follows:

A. F. Woods.....	President
T. B. Symons.....	Director
E. N. Cory.....	State Entomologist
C. E. Temple.....	State Pathologist
W. C. Travers..	Inspector
C. B. Nickels.....	Assistant Entomology