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ENTOMOLOGICAL NOTES FROM THE DIVISION OF PLANT PROTECTION

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The following scientific notes are presented as being of interest to the members of the Entomological Society of British Columbia.

The Oriental Fruit Moth survey was carried on during the summer of 1948 in the lower Okanagan Valley. The method of approach and the results were the same as the three years previous, and we are happy to report that up to the end of the survey there had been no interception of the moth in British Columbia. The survey will be carried on in 1949, due largely to the outbreak of the moth that has occurred in the Lombard Loop district, near Yakima, Washington. San Jose and European Scale have been receiving a great deal of attention by the Dominion and Provincial Departments of Agriculture, as well as the B. C. Fruit Growers' Association. Through the co-operation of these three bodies, and as a result of winter spraying, a grader inspection of apples from Kelowna south to Osoyoos and into

Keremeos has shown a considerable decrease in the amount of scale. Some 50 per cent reduction was noted in 1948 over 1947. While inspecting the Greek ship s.s. "Olga" on February 26, 1949, C. R. Cunningham was told by members of the crew that in warm weather Hold No. 2 was filled with constant chirping. Investigation led to the finding of a slight infestation of crickets along the forward bulkhead. The ship had arrived from the Orient. It is thought that the crickets came aboard ship in the Philippines. The s.s. "Orato" was examined on February 4, 1949, by C. R. Cunningham, prior to loading from the port of Vancouver. Her previous cargoes had been maize from the Argentine, followed by sulphate from Chile. A collection of resident insects was examined by P. Zuk, and among them were found a few false scorpions, apparently feeding on mites.

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