

ORDER OF THE BOARD OF
AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES.

(DATED 10TH DECEMBER 1907.)

THE AMERICAN GOOSEBERRY MILDEW
ORDER OF 1907.

The Board of Agriculture and Fisheries, by virtue and in exercise of the powers vested in them under the Destructive Insects and Pests Acts, 1877 and 1907, do order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows :

Application of the Order.

1. This Order shall apply to the districts which are by the First Schedule hereto declared to be affected.

Definitions.

2. In this Order—

“The Board” means the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries :

“The Local Authority” means as regards any District described in the first column of the First Schedule hereto, the council mentioned in the second column of that Schedule :

“Disease” means the disease affecting gooseberry and currant bushes which is known as *Sphaerotheca mors-uvae* or American Gooseberry Mildew ; and “diseased” means affected with disease :

“Bush” includes a cutting, seedling, or other plant :

“Article” means Article of this Order.

Notification of Disease.

3. The occupier of any premises on which there is a bush which is diseased or suspected of being diseased shall forthwith notify the fact to the clerk to the Local Authority, or to some person authorised by the Local Authority to receive such notices, and where practicable a specimen showing the disease or suspected disease shall accompany the notice.

Preliminary Investigation by Local Authority.

4.—(1.) The Local Authority on receiving in any manner notice of the existence or supposed existence of disease shall forthwith take such steps as may be necessary to determine on what premises the disease exists, and shall cause notice of such determination to be served on the occupier of each of such premises which shall thereupon become “infected premises” and continue to be infected premises until the notice is altered or withdrawn by the Local Authority in accordance with Article 10.

(2.) The notice shall as far as practicable include in the infected premises only such plantations, gardens or fields as contain bushes which are or recently have been diseased.

Precautions to be Adopted in case of an Outbreak of Disease or Supposed Outbreak.

5.—(1.) The occupier of any plantation, garden or field on which there is a diseased bush shall as soon as is practicable spray all the diseased bushes and all gooseberry and currant bushes on the plantation, garden or field to which the disease is likely to spread with a solution of liver

of sulphur (containing not less than one pound of liver of sulphur to thirty-two gallons of water) or with some other fungicide approved by or on behalf of the Local Authority for that purpose ; provided that this provision shall not apply to bushes which have shed their leaves.

(2.) No bush shall be removed from any plantation, garden or field on which there is a bush which is diseased or suspected of being diseased, and clippings from diseased or suspected bushes shall be forthwith destroyed by burning or other effective method by the occupier of the premises.

Action to be taken by Local Authority after Preliminary Investigation.

6.—(1.) The Local Authority shall as soon as is practicable cause a notice to be served on each occupier of infected premises requiring him to adopt such measures for prevention of the spread of the disease as are specified in the notice.

(2.) A notice under this Article shall require the occupier of the premises as regards each diseased bush on the premises and every bush immediately adjoining such bush—

(a) to destroy by burning or other effective method and by a date to be specified in the notice, either the whole bush or, if the occupier so prefer, all wood formed in the current or preceding year on the bush, which wood shall for that purpose be pruned to the satisfaction of an Inspector of the Local Authority, and also similarly to destroy the fruit (if any) on each diseased bush ; and

(b) to spray thoroughly the site of each bush which has not shed its leaves as soon as possible with a solution of liver of sulphur (containing at least one pound of liver of sulphur to twenty-four gallons of water) or with some other fungicide approved by or on behalf of the Local Authority for that purpose ;

Provided that if the occupier shall fail to carry out the destruction required by the notice by the date therein specified the Local Authority may cause their officers to carry out the work by either of the alternative methods prescribed by the notice.

(c) And also as soon as is practicable, and thereafter while the notice remains in force, if and when so directed by an Inspector of the Local Authority, to prune or spray as may be directed all gooseberry and currant bushes on the infected premises whether the same have been diseased or not.

(3.) All clippings arising from any pruning under this Article shall be forthwith destroyed by the occupier by burning or other effective method.

Power to Require Adoption of Precautions on Premises in Vicinity of Infected Premises.

7. The Local Authority may cause a notice to be served on the occupier of any plantation, garden or field on which there are gooseberry or currant bushes to which the disease is likely to spread from infected premises in the vicinity requiring such occupier, on or before such date as therein specified, to spray thoroughly all the gooseberry and currant bushes on such plantation, garden or field with a solution of liver of sulphur (containing not less than one pound of