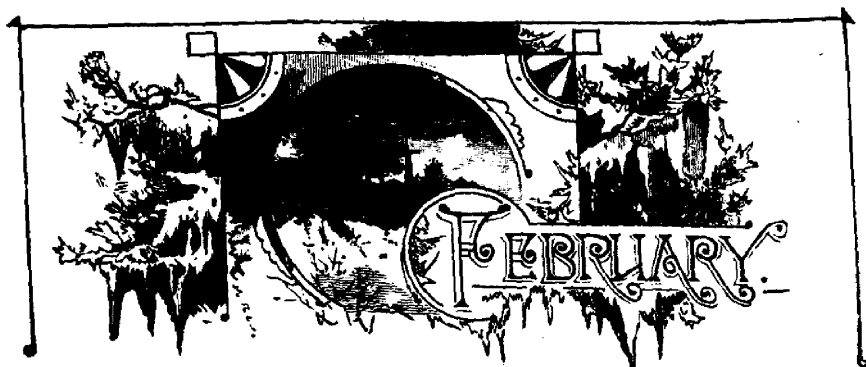


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SOME PROMINENT CANADIAN HORTICULTURISTS.—IX.

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NO APOLOGY, we are persuaded, is required, for substituting for our usual colored frontispiece of some fruit or flower, the photograph of one so highly esteemed by the fruit-growers of Ontario, as Prof. Wm. Saunders, Director of the Experimental Farms of Ontario. Ever since the early days of the history of our Association his countenance has been familiar to us as that of one whose very presence seemed to contribute much to the pleasure and profit of our gatherings. Possessed of remarkable ability for grasping many facts and systematising all into the one harmonious whole, endowed with a fertile brain for devising wise schemes, and withal having a pleasing address coupled with a modest, yet firm bearing, he has advanced from one position to another, without that adverse criticism which so often falls to the lot of those who reach exalted stations.

Mr. Saunders is a native of Crediton, Devonshire, England, where he was born on the 16th of June, 1836. At the age of twelve he came to Canada, and was at fourteen apprenticed to a chemist, a line of business he pursued until quite recently, when called to his present position by the Government of Canada. In addition to his chemistry, he pursued the somewhat allied studies of Botany, Entomology and Horticulture, thus