

(probably Whitesmith) yielded well with him, and were free from mildew; but about two years since the gooseberry sawflies became plentiful, and since then the foliage has been so destroyed that where the bushes have not been killed outright the fruit has been worthless.

On the road between Fingal and St. Thomas, we passed many orchards, chiefly old ones; but from the appearance of the trees and character of the soil, we deem this section less favourable for fruit culture than most of the other portions we have visited.

In St. Thomas we observed an unusual number of fruit trees in the gardens surrounding the dwellings, among others some peach trees with full crops. We called upon Mr. George T. Claris, who has a very fine and well kept garden, where we saw some good specimens of apples, pears, plums, and grapes; and also inspected the grounds of Mr. Ellis, where we saw some Tokalon grapes, and good pears and apples. In the garden of our good friend Mr. Laing, we found some well grown grapes, principally Delaware and Concord.

The time at our disposal for this visit to the Lake Shore district of Elgin was not at all sufficient to admit of a thorough inspection of its whole length; still we believe that in our route we have gone over some of the best districts which that county embraces. We examined a stretch of nearly 20 miles of the frontier, and are fully satisfied that much of it is admirably adapted both by soil and climate for fruit culture. We feel sure that if the farmers would pay a little more attention to cultivating and manuring their orchards, that it would be to their advantage, rewarding their endeavours by better crops of finer fruit. We regretted to see the cultivation of pears so much neglected. Plums also could be produced in abundance, where they are now scarcely known, by giving a little attention to the curculio. We would also urge upon the farmers of these favoured regions the advisability of their paying a little more attention to small fruits, which at present, with the exception of a few strawberries, are almost entirely ignored. Our finer raspberries would probably succeed well in many of the locations we have referred to, and these, with currants, gooseberries, and blackberries, all of which could be raised with but little trouble—would add very much to home comforts and attractions—besides being conducive to health.

On our return to London, we visited the extensive fruit farm of Mr. W. Saunders, covering about 40 acres; and although planted but two or three years since, we found the young trees making good growth. We were pleased to hear of another large fruit orchard being planted in this district, that of Dr. W. Woodruff, situated about four miles from London. Already about 600 trees have been planted in it, mainly pears, plums, and cherries, most of which are doing well. Should these enterprising efforts prove successful, London will shortly become an important fruit centre.

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REPORT ON THE TREE, PLANTS AND VINE DISTRIBUTED BY THE ASSOCIATION TO ITS MEMBERS.

BRANT.—Ten replies have been received from this county. The pear tree in every instance is living, and the raspberry and blackberry in all but one. Three have lost their vine of the Eumelan grape, in two instances it suffered from mildew, in one it was winter-killed, but with the remainder it has done well. Some gave it winter protection and others did not.

BRUCE—But one reply has been sent in. The pear tree is living, but not the berry plants. The Eumelan was covered in winter but perished.

DURHAM.—One reply—All living.

ELGIN.—One reply. The pear and blackberry are living, but not the raspberry. Nothing concerning the Eumelan.

FRONTENAC.—Only one reply. The pear tree, and blackberry, and raspberry are doing well, the Eumelan has made a good growth, did not mildew, was not injured by the winter, and was not protected.

GLENGARRY.—One reply. Pear and Raspberry living, blackberry dead.

GREY.—Four replies. The pear tree is living in all, one blackberry and one raspberry dead, the Eumelan made a good growth, did not mildew, was protected in winter.

