

Pettit, President of the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association ; Linus Woolverton, M.A., Secretary of the same Association, his adjoining neighbor with his magnificent home ; Mr. C. E. Woolverton, Mr. A. H. Pettit, Mr. Geo. W. Cline, with his orchard of seven thousand plum trees, Mr. E. D. Smith, with his four hundred acres of nursery stock, vineyard and peach orchard ; Mr. W. M. Orr, who, I believe, sent into the market, north, the finest samples of plums shipped this season ; and several others whom we had not time or opportunity to call upon.

To all those fruit growers, the opening of the Hamilton and Grimsby electric railway and the establishment of a wholesale fruit market at the Hamilton end of the road, must prove a great and profitable boon. We had the privilege of being present at the opening of the fruit market on the 22nd of August, and witnessed the interest taken in it by the citizens of the city and adjoining fruit districts, and saw the loads of fruit coming in by almost every car during the forenoon of that day, and were most favorably impressed with the promising auspices of the inauguration. Through the courtesy of the president, Mr. W. W. Ross, and the manager, Mr. F. W. McBeth, I was given the freedom of the market, a privilege which enabled me to judge of its capacity for handling fruit, and estimate its possibilities of development as a distributing centre, to the general advantage of grower, handler and consumer. From the enormous quantities of fruit sent in daily by the growers on all sides and distributed by this market to all parts of the province, it must have already justified its promoters in their faith in its possibilities of success. To my mind, it is an enterprise that the fruit growers of Ontario, and the HORTICULTURIST, as their publication, should give every encouragement to. With such a convenient distributing centre, and more reasonable express and freight rates, the consumption of the finer fruits so successfully grown in the Niagara peninsula must largely increase in all other sections of the province.

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THE Bureau has never received more discouraging reports than during the present season. Apples have been a failure. The bulk of correspondents report none at all, or a dozen or two on a tree. A number hazard the opinion that a half bushel or possibly a bushel might be the average, while occasional correspondents have a generous yield to report. The best returns come from districts near the lakes. Plums are a poor crop, and so are peaches. Cherries did not do as well as usual, but they were not so badly troubled with black knot as in former years. Grapes, which were almost entirely cut off by the May frosts, put forth a second bud, and about half a crop is expected. Raspberries did well in the Niagara and Hamilton sections, but strawberries suffered from frost and drouth. There was a fair amount of wild fruits in the northern and eastern portions of the Province.—Bulletin 54, Ontario Bureau of Industries.