

## PELEE ISLAND AND ITS WINES.

Pelee Island, which has of recent years become famous for its luscious grapes and fine flavored wines, lies fifteen miles south from the most southern part of the Canadian mainland, about the centre of Lake Erie, and is the most southern portion of British North American Territory. In the forties grape growing assumed considerable proportions in the neighbouring islands, under the American flag, but it was not until 1861 that the first vineyard was established on Pelee Island. It was known as the Vin Villa Vineyard. At first a market could not be obtained in Canada and its grape product was sent to Sandusky, pressed and sold. In 1873 the well known wine firm, Messrs. J. S. Hamilton & Co., of Brantford, became identified with it, and since that date have controlled its entire output. Later the West View and the South View Vineyards of the island, and also the Pelee Island Wine and Vineyard Co., were established and Messrs. J. S. H. & Co. were appointed sole general and export agents for their united products. Splendid wines, dry and sweet, are produced, and from their superior quality it is no wonder that the "Pelee Island Wine Co.'s wines are driving imported wines out of the market." The company have six extensive wine houses with a cellarage capacity of a quarter of a million gallons. A very fine dry wine known as "Dry Catawba," and a "Pelee Island Claret," possess high medicinal properties. The firm have also a splendid well matured sweet red wine, well known as "St. Augustine," prepared for communion purposes and selected by a special committee of the Diocese of Ontario for use in the Sacrosanct. To protect themselves, the public and the trade, Messrs. J. S. H. & Co. have registered this brand at Ottawa and will prosecute any person or persons infringing on their registered brand. Most leading physicians in Canada recommend these Pelee Island wines in preference to imported wines for the use of their patients. The editor of this JOURNAL, believing that the cultivation of the lighter wines is promotive of temperance, has pleasure in bearing witness to the excellence of the Pelee Island wines, from an experience with them of over ten years.

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