

obtainable in those early days. My intention was to make a purchase of some apples while in Rochester, but, being very scarce, the price was high, and I did not purchase.

I visited Messrs. Elwanger & Barry again in 1841, when they had their little field well planted with an assortment of fruit trees, from which I selected my first order to that firm.

In 1842, Messrs. Elwanger & Barry proposed a partnership with me in Toronto, this city being then considered a better centre for such a business than Rochester. We accordingly agreed upon terms, one of them to take charge here with me, and the other to continue the Rochester business. Our first field was twenty acres leased from the late Charles Small, which field now forms a part of the present grounds on the south side of Queen Street. In 1848

I purchased the interests of the other members of the firm for \$5,000, they finding that their Rochester business was increasing so rapidly that it required the attention of both. In the early part of 1847 I sold out my seed business and turned all my energies and capital to the nursery, where my tastes had always led me. From a beginning of twenty acres my nursery reached fully 250 acres, while Messrs. Elwanger & Barry, by honesty, hard work and constant application have made for themselves a great name. It is wonderful what good may be accomplished by honest perseverance. Although I have grown old in the business my interests are as fresh as ever, and looking about this country almost from ocean to ocean it gratifies my old heart to know that my labors have to some extent helped to beautify and enrich many homes.

STRAWBERRIES TESTED AT THE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE GROUNDS, GUELPH.

PROF. PANTON, in a bulletin, dated 15th April, 1889, gives the results of experiments made with ten varieties, grown in matted rows, on clay loam, as follows:

Wilson's Albany has done excellently and may be ranked first. It yields well and is a very suitable variety for shipping.

Crescent Seedling ripened sooner than Wilson, and has been quite productive, but there is a tendency among these berries to be imperfect, owing to incomplete fertilization of

the flowers, but this is overcome by having a variety rich in pollen planted near, or among the rows. We overcame the difficulty by planting the Wilson side by side. Crescent Seedling seems to bear more pistillate flowers than staminate. The foliage of the Crescent, being somewhat sparse, does not assist in keeping the berry so clean as the varieties that grow more leaves.

Early Canada ripens soon, but is liable to be caught by frost, and on the whole has done poorly with us.