

The Late Mr. Murray Pettit

In the sudden death of Mr. Murray Pettit of Winona, Ont., which took place on March 3, the fruit growers of Ontario, and particularly of the Niagara district, lost one of the best known and most prominent personages connected with the industry. Throughout his long and useful life Mr. Pettit was identified with organizations and movements that had and have to do with the progress of fruit growing. As president and a director of the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association, president of the Niagara District Fruit Growers' Stock Co., Ltd., president of the Niagara Peninsula Fruit Growers' Association (which position he held at the time of his decease), and as a prominent figure in other organizations, he labored always in the interests of the industry rather than only for personal gain. Mr. Pettit had been also reeve of the township of Saltfleet, warden of the county of Wentworth and repeatedly president of the South Wentworth Conservative Association. The nominations for both the provincial legislature and the Dominion parliament had been tendered to him, but he always declined.


As a fruit man, Mr. Pettit was an authority, particularly on grapes. For a number of years he conducted experiments with grapes for the Ontario Department of Agriculture. He was one of those who introduced the famous Niagara grape into the commercial vineyards of the Niagara district. His opinion on the culture of grapes and on varieties was sought by leading horticulturists in all parts of this continent. Besides being a leader in all progressive movements in connection with our fruit industry, he was an upright and honorable citizen and a most courteous and unassuming gentleman. The name of Murray Pettit will be an honored one in the history of Canadian horticulture.

The reading of THE CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST ought to act as an incentive to bet-

ter efforts in the science of horticulture. I hope it will continue to improve in the future as it has most certainly done in the past.—W. T. Patullo, Caseleyville, Alta.

A bulletin from the Ontario Department of Agriculture, entitled "Bacterial Blight of Apple, Pear and Quince Trees," has just been issued. The author is Mr. D. H. Jones of the Ontario Agricultural College. This is a valuable contribution to the literature

on this disastrous disease. Among other things mentioned the author tells of experiments conducted to show that the disease is spread by aphids and other sap-sucking insects inoculating twigs, by fruit bark boring beetles and other borers inoculating the branches and trunks, and by workmen's tools when pruning operations are in progress. Copies of this bulletin (No. 176) may be had on application to the Department of Agriculture, Toronto.



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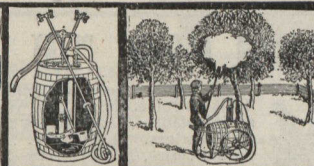
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