



FIG. 1660.—HISTORIC WILLOW ON DUFFERIN ISLAND, NIAGARA FALLS.

Overhanging the water, there is on Dufferin Island, near Niagara Falls, a weeping willow, a descendant of the trees that kept vigil by Napoleon's tomb and formed a feature of the landscape of which it occurs to us the great commander would have fully approved. For intensely practical and military though his mind was, he had yet enough appreciation for the beautiful and venerable in Nature, to make him, when he was laying down the plan for a great road in the Alps, actually to turn aside its course to avoid an ancient representative of that other grave-yard tree, the Cypress. This tree it may be of interest to remark, was that which a defeated monarch, some three hundred years before, struck with his sword in childish petulance

There are on the banks of the Detroit river, some pear trees, old and weird of aspect, planted by the French before the year 1760. One of the oldest is said to date from 1705. There is a story that a settler brought from France three seeds in his vest pocket and planted them near Amherstburg. The old trees there now are the children of those which sprang from these trees "The trees are productive," says Professor

Craig, to whose writing we are indebted for information about them, "but the fruit is not valuable."

In the famous apple-growing country of the Annapolis Valley in Nova Scotia there are also apple trees still bearing that were planted about the middle of last century. Prince Edward Island can also boast apple and cherry trees set out in old French times

Plum growing, according to Mr. Craig, has been a special industry for a hundred or more years in L'Islet County, some seventy miles north-east of the City of Quebec "Reine, Claude de Montmorency is delicious and peculiar to this region. The Damson plum trees grow in stocky form and produce out of all proportion to their size. The Kentish cherry has through heredity developed hardy forms well adapted to its new home and ripens a month later than the same variety grown at Ottawa."

At the home of the editor of the *HORTICULTURIST* an apple tree was cut down five years ago, whose limbs had 98 rings, showing its age to be as many years. A Rhode Island Greening here has a record of having one season produced twenty barrels of marketable apples. A thirty year old Yellow Spanish cherry tree on this farm once yielded a crop of 360 quarts. The apple tree at Waterloo shown in Fig. 0000, was grown from seed bought from Pennsylvania in 1800. It is the oldest apple tree in that locality. It measures at the base three feet in diameter and at a distance of five feet from the ground two and a half feet.

Of interest are some rare specimens of southern trees found within our borders. There are a few bearing fig trees to be found here and there. They have been successfully cultivated at Niagara, Winona and even as far north