

turn trip. Hundreds of people go to the park annually to "rest" from their idleness at home, but the industrious fruit farmer toils on heedless of their near presence. To my mind and taste his enjoyment is greater than theirs, and if he rightly enjoys his calling, his reward is certainly greater, for the fruit of his industry is a vastly greater blessing to humanity.

It would be profitless to speculate on the different formation periods that contribute to the peculiarities of the Grimsby Valley, rendering it so peculiarly adapted to vineyard and general fruit culture. The table land is there, then the sudden and tremendous depression of hundreds of feet forming the valley, so called, stretching away to the lake at the north. At the foot of this abrupt ridge, commonly called the mountain, the soil is a deep red clay loam,\* its color indicating the presence of a high percentage of iron. This soil is peculiarly adapted to grape growing and its fertility seems almost inexhaustible, as its depth indicates the washings of iron from the rocky crevices, and vegetable debris from the heights above, through incalculable ages. As was said of the Nile Valley, all that this soil requires is to be stirred with the hand of industry, and it will laugh in sweetness and bring forth fruit abundantly. I noticed that many farmers were extending their vineyards, owing, for the most part, to the failure, during the past few years, of peach culture in the locality. Mr. M. Pettit will in a year or two more have over fifty acres in bearing vine and proportionately less of peach and apple orchard. Just why the peach tree should be so destructively attacked by the yellows in this particular section, while it enjoys an entire freedom from the disease in the Niagara district, no one seems to be able yet to explain. But such is the fact. This one drawback, however, is likely to be made up for in a few years by the increased production of grapes. This year, while there is scarcely a peach in the whole Grimsby section, the grape crop is an unusually abundant one. Of the different varieties grown in the Grimsby vineyards and their comparative profitableness, I am not qualified to speak; nor am I of the fruits of the orchards which abound so plentifully on every hand. But of the pleasure awaiting the visitor to the Grimsby fruit section from what he may see and learn, and of the hospitality accorded him by the dwellers in the favored valley, I can speak with the authority of one who has had personal experience.

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### ROTATION OF STRAWBERRY CROP.

SIR,—In your journal for September I have read the communication of Mr. Nichol, of Cataraqui, in which he writes under the question: "Can Strawberries be continually grown on the same land with profit?" After dealing fairly with the question, Mr. Nichol brings in, very strongly,

\* The prevailing soil in this fruit district is a deep, rich sandy loam.—Ed.