

## WESTERN NEW YORK FRUIT GROWERS.—I.



THE writer was in attendance at the recent meeting of this, in many respects, the most important Society of its kind on the continent. The fruit-growers of the western part of New York State have always taken the lead in their favorite industry, and the discussions at their meetings are always inspiring and profitable to us in Southern Ontario, where the conditions are so similar to theirs.

The meeting was ably presided over by Mr. W. C. Barry, son of the late Patrick Barry, who so long and so ably filled this position. Unfortunately, we were too late to hear the President's opening address; suffice it to say he is a worthy successor to his father, an educated man, being a graduate of Rochester University, and is an excellent French and German scholar, by means of an extended course in Germany.

## PEACH CULTURE.

An important address was given before the Society by the Hon. J. H. Hale, of South Glastonbury, on "Peach Culture." Mr. Hale has made himself famous throughout the whole of the United States by his enterprise in this industry. Early in his experience he learned that where peach trees were fertilized with stable manure they nearly always became subject to the yellows, and that where commercial fertilizers were used there was much better success. In the application of these he had found that the less nitrogen and more potash that is applied to the soil the more healthful are the trees. During the last seven years an orchard of thirty-five acres has yielded him over sixty thousand dollars worth of fruit. This was a source of no small gratification, in view of the great amount of harsh criticism that was showered upon him concerning his apparently reckless adventure, in planting so freely of fruit of uncertain yield.

In Connecticut, as with us, the greatest difficulty is the winter-killing of the buds.



FIG. 510.—W. C. BARRY.