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STONY CREEK AND FONTHILL FRUIT GARDENS.



OT a very poetical, or even appropriate name is Stony Creek for a naturally beautiful section where fruit gardens abound and the scenery is most picturesque. We would humbly suggest a

change to some more euphonious and appropriate name, if the owners of land in that section ever expect a boom in landed property Having an hour to spare, while waiting for the Buffalo train, we climbed the mountain and secured some fine views of the pretty country below. In one direction lay Stony Creek, with its power house for the H. G. & B. electric road, and its beautiful orchards, reaching away to the shore of Lake Ontario; and in another a distant view of Burlington Bay, Burlington Beach and Burlington Heights, and near at hand the famous battle field of 1812, where a few Canadian Militiamen routed a camp of American soldiers who fled to Niagara, leaving behind camp-kettles ammunition, and many other articles now treasured by the antiquary as relics of that war.

The bridge at the right in Fig. 1162 marks a ravine which is the entrance to Stony Creek Park, eight acres in extent, now being improved by the Davis Bros. In it is a beautiful fall, which, though small in width, yet in height is said to rival Niagara. Fruit land here is very valuable, especially since the H. G. & B. trolly has been built. For instance a nice orchard of 23 acres to the right of the bridge, planted to peach and fruit trees with house and barn, is held at \$5,500, and generally speaking fruit land is worth from \$150 to \$300 per acre.

From Stony Creek and Winona, the T. H. & B. creeps up the mountain, showing below the most charming views of orchards and gardens of peaches, plums, pears, apples, grapes and small fruits, such as cannot fail to attract the attention of the great travelling public to the advantage of this section for that department of agriculture.

The country from Winona to Fenwick is uninteresting, but the drive of four miles from Fenwick to Fonthill reveals acres of as good garden land as can be