

orchards, appeared. This was then so little known to fruit growers in Ontario, that it was not recognized as an evil, and trees, so affected, were thought to be of some earlier variety of their kind. Consequently they were not destroyed, and, being thus unchecked, the yellows soon spread over the whole orchard and utterly destroyed it.

Mr. Pettit then turned his attention to grape growing and soon proved it to be a more reliable branch of industry than peach growing. In addition to his vineyard, he planted a sample row of over one hundred varieties, by means of which he has become well acquainted with their merits and is well fitted to act as judge of grapes at our Canadian fairs. When the Niagara grape was introduced into Ontario he was one of the first to plant a vineyard, under the terms which the company imposed upon all buyers, namely, that the proceeds should be equally divided between them and the planter, until the company had received \$1.50 for each vine. The investment was a profitable one for Mr. Pettit; the three hundred vines planted in the spring of 1882 yielded him in the fall of 1885, not three years from the time of planting, an income of \$1.84 per vine, or \$553.20 for three hundred vines. The average price was about 12 cents a pound and the proceeds were at the rate of over \$800 per acre.

Mr. Pettit has always shown a public spirit with regard to the interests of fruit growers in general, throughout our country. That this spirit was appreciated by his fellow growers is evidenced by his being appointed a director of the Fruit Growers' Association at Grimsby, of which he at one time served as president. He was chosen as one of the deputation from this Association to wait upon the Local Legislature, to secure the passing of the "Yellows Act" in 1881, and he was also appointed by the township council as inspector of yellows in his township.

On the organization of the Niagara District Fruit Grower's Stock Co., he was chosen a member of the first directorate and served either as director or vice president, until his retirement from the company. For several years he was also a member of the directorate of the Central Farmers' Institute. In the township of Saltfleet he has served for five years as Reeve. His membership in the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association dates back to his first entrance upon fruit culture, twenty years ago.

It is such men as Mr. Pettit, who have long been members of the Association, and who have in various ways exerted themselves to further the interests of their fellow fruit growers, who have the first right to be noticed in these pages as prominent Canadian Horticulturists.

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SAUNDERS AND WOOLVERTON STRAWBERRIES.—Woolverton is a large, productive variety, and is very firm for so large a berry, and a first-class variety to plant with large pistillate kinds. Very valuable; from Canada. Saunders is from the same source as the Woolverton, and is another valuable berry, being early, firm, of large size and productive.—*American Ex.*