

as the most valuable and reliable apple for cropping—he can keep his till June; and he ranks the Spitzenburgh as next in value. Has not planted many Russets. He complained of want of a good market. In the garden adjoining the house, we observed some pear trees, chiefly Lawrence, Duchess, and Louise Bonne de Jersey, all doing well. From his remarks we gathered that the English cherries do not set their fruit well here, and plums do not succeed, because of the curculio.

In front of the dwelling on Mr. Moore's farm, near by, we saw a fine old tree of the Summer Bonchretien pear, with a good crop on it, but the fruit was much spotted.

The next place visited was that of Mr. Abner Chase, on the 4th concession, near the village of Sparta. He has a fine orchard of apple trees, and gives the preference to the Greening as a market fruit, although the Spitzenburgh and Baldwin both succeed fairly with him. He gives the price for apples as usually about 90 cts. per barrel, delivered at Port Stanley. His peach orchard numbers from 400 to 500 trees, from which he has had fair crops for three years past, and estimates that of the present year, at from 200 to 300 bushels. Last year he sold 200 bushels, and the usual price is \$1 per bushel on the spot. English black cherries bear well on this farm every year, and attain a good size; but we could not ascertain the name of the variety here referred to. The black aphid, which infests the tips of the young shoots and stunts their growth, has established itself here also. Mr. Chase is 88 years of age, but quite brisk and active, with the use of all his faculties; his family came from Rhode Island.

Mr. Isaac Mills residing in the same township, was next called on. He raises strawberries for market, as well as other fruits, chiefly the Wilson, and this season he sold \$115 worth, at ten cents per quart, from less than an acre of ground. Some six or eight years since Mr. Mills planted about 1,000 peach trees, and has now some 600 living; they are all seedlings from a medium sized yellow-flesh peach and very similar in character, and of fair quality. He thinks his trees do not bear a full crop oftener than once in three years, and the price realized for the fruit varies from \$1 to \$1.50 per bushel. A few young trees are planted now and then to take the places of any that may die out. In his apple orchard there is 300 trees, principally Greenings, Spitzenburghs and Roxborough Russets, which he finds to be preferable to any other varieties. His trees were raised from seeds planted by himself 51 years ago, and afterward top-grafted. Cherries, quinces, and pears are said to do well here; of the latter, we saw the following varieties bearing good crops: White Doyenne, Bartlett, Louise Bonne de Jersey, and Duchesse d'Angouleme. The pear tree slug, *Selandria cerasi*, which devours the leaves in such an unsightly manner, we observed at work here. Mr. Mills had a few grape vines, chiefly Concord and Clinton; they were growing well, but were too young to fruit.

In the garden of Mr. Elihu Marsh, on the farm adjoining, we saw the Orange Quince, fruiting finely, as well as several varieties of grapes, some of which were suffering much from *Thrip*; we noticed the Clinton, Delaware, and Hartford. This gentleman purchased what he supposed to be, quite a number of different varieties, from a tree pedlar, some of them being furnished with very high sounding original names, quite new to your committee, but, on maturity, most of them had proved to be Clinton. It is very unfortunate for fruit growing interests that farmers will continue to patronize such unscrupulous characters, as most of these wandering pedlars are. It would cost them no more, indeed, often less, to send to some reliable nurseryman for their stock.

As evening was now approaching, we drove next to Port Stanley, where we put up for the night, at the Fraser House, a new hotel, beautifully situated, high up on the banks bordering the lake. We learnt here that the Rev. Mr. Latimer had been very successful in his efforts at plum raising, and saw some magnificent samples of his fruit. His success was mainly owing to his attending to the curculio, jarring his trees regularly, and catching and destroying this insect pest.

The first day having been spent in inspecting the district east of Port Stanley, the next morning we started early in the opposite direction, along the lake shore road, in the Township of Southwold, towards Port Burwell. We first called on Mr. P. Breen, where we found plenty of Clinton vines doing well. In his orchard we saw the following varieties of apples, all bearing good crops: Baldwin, Northern Spy, R. I. Greening, Rambo and Swaar. There were several late Crawford peach trees here, making vigorous growth, but not bearing much fruit. He has two varieties of cherries, which do well with him, one bearing a red and the

other a dark red fruit and did not appear of the Louise Bonne.

On the farm of one of the trees was grapes, also seedling they do not hold the by jarring, but little road orchards were.

We next visited fruits growing very winds by the surround was very heavily laden several hundred gray all bearing fruit, the locality for grape raising thrifty, and bearing peaches on his ground but the better variety Stanley, both 4½ milk pound. His Catawba are protected by a hedge till early in November.

Our next call was Association in this district chiefly grapes and strawberry plants, as well as marfow of which were promised well.

Passing along we George McBeth Esq. length, which had been trees were chiefly bearing growth and lovely for magnificent apple orchard St. Lawrence had been was badly spotted, and this season being an exception to one of your committee Poughkeepsie Russets nearly over) Bourassa, free from spots, large, but cherries were grown cherries, a white one numerous that they tall on an adjoining farm, v

The land on each much less undulating than clay soil appeared cold farmers alive to the improvement way towards improvement.

At Fingal, we met grows fruit largely. Truly of. Besides the apple but occasionally suffer from elsewhere about the fruit usually yield fair crops season. Mr. G. inform