

to say that henceforth it will be used largely as a source of experience in practical horticulture, for the benefit of the readers of the *Canadian Horticulturist*.

The magnificent Pocklington grapes on Mr. E. J. Woolverton's fruit farm, were much admired. Grown on a rich sandy loam, well drained, they ripen here to perfection, about a week later than the Niagara. His beautiful orchard of dwarf pears, chiefly Duchess, with some trees bearing superb looking B. de Beaufort, was also much admired. As with the rest of us at Grimsby, his large peach orchard has been sadly thinned out by the yellows, the presence of which disease he still deploras.

At Mr. Murray Pettit's vineyard, near Winona, the whole party alighted, and were refreshed at his packing house with a taste of his pure home-made grape wine, which was not the less appreciated, after being half choked with clouds of dust upon the way. This vineyard is one of the largest in this section, and is situated close under the mountain, where it is sheltered from early frosts, and where the soil is a rich sandy loam, gathered during past centuries by the washings from the mountain side. Although the Delaware has always received special attention from Mr. Pettit, he has some sixty or seventy other varieties under cultivation, with a view of testing their merits. With many others, however, he has come to the conclusion that the number of varieties which are really worthy of a place in a vineyard which is planted for market, are very few,

as for instance (white) Niagara, (black) Concord, and Rogers' 4 and 44, (red) Lindley, Worden, Delaware and Agawam.

Returning along the mountain brow, Mr. A. G. Muir's vineyard of Niagara grapes was much admired. His success proves that not all the most favorable locations for vineyards are to be found below the mountain, as many would affirm.

The drive east of the village two miles to the Park, was also full of interest. Fine houses, and well kept gardens, line the road, and betray the good taste of their occupants. The Park, too, is growing in attractiveness; how could it be otherwise, situated as it is on the bank of such a beautiful lake, and in such a delightful section of country.

THE PUBLIC MEETING

of Wednesday evening was a grand success. The Town Hall was packed. The address of Mr. A. McD. Allan was full of special interest to fruit growers; while that of Prof. Brown, on "Trees and our Every-day Life," clearly showed the great importance of forests to the prosperity of any country.

The music, contributed by Miss Katie Nelles and others, of Grimsby, was excellent, and added very much to the enjoyment of the evening's programme.

The full text of the President's address will appear in our next Annual Report, together with a report of the important discussions of Thursday, taken down verbatim by an able stenographer. Suffice it therefore to say