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OUR GOOSEBERRY STATION.—On the 8th and 9th of July, Professor Hutt and the writer made a trip north into the County of Simcoe, for the purpose of visiting the gooseberry plantation of Mr. S. Spillett, of Nantyr, who has recently been appointed experimenter in that fruit. The whole country here is interesting, with Lake Simcoe in the distance, and the many hills and vales which give variety to the landscape.

Mr. Spillett has about two acres and a half devoted to his gooseberry experiments. The land is of the best character for the work in which Mr. Spillett is engaged, being mixed sandy loam and clay. He has enriched it to a remarkable degree and the size of the fruit is, in consequence, extraordinary. Mr. Spillett has some twenty varieties under test, and year by year will add to the number. He has been a public school teacher for many years, but is now retiring to devote himself more especially to experiments with fruit. We believe that the results of his experiments in gooseberries will be of great benefit to Canadian fruit growers.

APPLE INSPECTION.—It appears that the Tasmanians are more careful about the quality of their apples forwarded to Great Britain than we are. The Journal of the Council of Agriculture, published at Hobart, comes to our table regularly, and gives an instance of a man, a member of the Council, who brought to the wharf for shipment thirty cases of inferior grade apples. The inspector at the wharf refused to pass these apples. The matter was afterward discussed in the Council, and the person who attempted to ship the inferior fruit took the ground he had a perfect right to ship whatever rubbish he liked to Britain, providing he paid for its carriage. The opinion prevailed in the Council that such shipments affected the prices obtained by other shippers, and, indeed, affected the reputation of Tasmanian apples. By vote of the Council, the name of the offending member was dropped from the membership roll of the Council.