

The Fruits of Dundas, Stormont, and Glengarry.

Passing eastward from the Bay of Quinte along the north shore of the St. Lawrence, and away from the mellowing influence of the great lakes, we might expect to find a very material change in the fruit-growing capabilities of the country. But from the United Counties of Dundas, Stormont and Glengarry, lying within the angle formed by the St. Lawrence and Ottawa Rivers, in a very full report of their fruit products we read :—

"The fruits that are cultivated in this district are, apples, plums, cherries, grapes, strawberries, currants, gooseberries, cranberries, tomatoes, raspberries, blackberries, brambleberries, and melons."

The only fruits missed from this very comprehensive list are the peach and the pear. The former, except perhaps in Prince Edward County, can hardly be said to be cultivated anywhere, in marketable quantities, on the northern side of Lake Ontario's waters. And of the pear we read further on :—

"Pears can be successfully cultivated to a limited extent. They have been cultivated as far east as Montreal; can be grown in sheltered situations on a dry subsoil, of excellent quality, but on a limited scale."

The Fruits of the Ottawa District.

Following the course of the Ottawa River, we have from Mr. Bucke, at the City of Ottawa, the following evidence :—

"We cultivate a few varieties of apples, raspberries, strawberries and gooseberries, and small fruits generally, including grapes, are also cultivated."

But the strength and weakness, in relation to fruit growing, of this particular district, will be more apparent when the cultivation of the several fruits comes to be discussed.

The Fruits of Renfrew County.

At Arnprior—still on the Ottawa, and where the most northerly point in eastern Ontario, from which evidence has been taken, is reached—the Renfrew Fruit and Floral Company are engaged in a gallant, and so far encouraging, enterprise. The measure of their success can only be properly appreciated by following up their operations in detail. But Mr. Osborne, their manager, is able to mention as free from all danger from climatic vicissitudes, some four or five varieties of apples, and to speak favourably of his progress with two or three descriptions of pears, with grapes, and with small fruits.

The Fruits of the Lindsay District.

Once more striking west we complete the circuit at the inland Town of Lindsay in Victoria, "where," says Mr. Beall :—

"The Fruits cultivated are: apples, pears, plums, strawberries, raspberries, red, white and black currants, gooseberries and grapes."