

to all parts of Canada, invariably proving themselves, sound, healthy, well-grown, and remarkably true to name. The soil, climate, and location of Windsor are unusually favourable for the rearing of young trees and plants for general distribution in this country, while Mr. Dougall, the proprietor of these nurseries, who personally superintends every part of their management, is a thoroughly intelligent, and with all enthusiastic fruit-culturist, sending forth nothing but what has been completely tested, and can be confidently recommended. While all the stock grown at these nurseries may be relied on as good and genuine, Mr. Dougall, makes a speciality of the pear, both standard and dwarf, particularly the latter. The soil of Windsor is peculiarly well adapted to the pear, and Mr. Dougall, makes a sort of pet fruit of it, giving extra attention to every thing pertaining thereto, testing all new sorts as quickly as possible, and fitting himself to give advice as to the best varieties for particular localities.

We took the opportunity of visiting these nurseries about the first of October last, and were exceedingly pleased with the appearance of the young stock of all kinds, especially the dwarf pears and apples. The trees wore a thrifty, hearty look, showing that they had not been stimulated into precocious growth for market purposes, but had vigor and constitution. It is with trees as with human beings, much depends on having a good robust constitution to start in life with. Our climate is of so rigorous a nature that hardiness is a first requisite in fruit trees. It is vain to expect success in such a climate with those of delicate habit. They will struggle on after a sickly fashion, but never amount to much.

As vegetables in spring starts early at Windsor, it is desirable that orders be sent in March, or about the first of April. Disappointment often results from orders coming in so late that trees cannot be safely lifted. Parties unacquainted with the best varieties of fruit may confidently trust the judgment of Mr. Dougall, mentioning as a guide the number desired of Summer, Autumn, and Winter kinds.

To all who are inexperienced in fruit-growing, we take pleasure in warmly recommending a little publication issued by Mr. Dougall, and entitled "The Canadian Fruit Culturist." It is in the form of letters to an intended fruit-grower, and treats very fully on the proper location, soil, preparation, planting, and after-cultivation of orchards, vine-yards and gardens, giving directions for the best mode of cultivating each kind of plant, and select descriptive lists of the choicest varieties of fruit. We are glad to find that this useful little work has reached

its fourth edition. It should be obtained by all persons who intend to plant trees, however limited may be their field of operation. It is sent free by mail to any address for 25 cents, and may be had either of Mr. James Dougall, Windsor, Ont. or of J. Dougall, & Son, Montreal.

#### THE CANADIAN DAIRYMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

The fourth annual meeting of the above body, of which, a full report will be found elsewhere in this issue, under the head of 'Agricultural Intelligence,' was, in all respects a most successful and satisfactory affair. In point of attendance, interest and pecuniary results, it exceeded every previous occasion of the kind, and gave conclusive evidence that the dairy business in this country is rapidly expanding and improving. It was particularly gratifying to observe the eagerness with which the dairymen sought information, the deep attention with which they listened to the addresses, and the general determination to adopt every useful appliance, and aim at the highest standard of excellence in the article produced at the factories, which are now becoming so numerous. It is only thus that we can hope to compete successfully in those markets to which we send our cheese, for all that science and art can bring to bear on the manufacture and sale of the article is in active, ceaseless rivalry with us.

It is to be hoped that the suggestion made in the annual address and embodied in one of the resolutions, with regard to the desirableness of a model dairy farm being established by our Provincial Government, will not be suffered to sleep. Our American competitors in the cheese business are moving energetically in this direction, and we must not be behind them. The value of the dairy interest to the country, both in a commercial and agricultural point of view, justifies, nay, demands an outlay of public money towards working it up to the highest possible point of development.

The Association has now fixed Ingersoll as the permanent place for its annual meetings, and though this can hardly be expected to please everybody, and in truth, rather inconvenient for our eastern dairymen, it is to be hoped no sectional jealousy will arise out of this decision. We believe it was come to as the result of a broad, general view of the question—what will secure the greatest good to the greatest number. It was not determined by the majority on the principle that "might makes right," or for the sake of personal convenience, and those who dissent from the decision, will, we hope, acquiesce gracefully, and believe that the motive inducing it was unselfish and patriotic.