

the Vladimir, of which unfortunately we could only send out a limited number last spring, prove suitable to the northern portions of Ontario. The Morello cherries have already proved themselves more desirable for family use than the Heart and Biggareau: and the Large Montmorency and the Early Richmond have been sufficiently

tested to be safely recommended as superior for general planting to the old Kentish varieties which have been so universally popular; and now we have the Vladimir and the Ostheim, which if not superior to the former in other respects, have at least the advantage of being adapted to a more rigorous climate.

### RAMBLES AMONG FRUIT GROWERS.—III.

A CALL UPON MR. GEORGE LESLIE, SR., TORONTO.

A RIDE of two miles east from market on King St., Toronto, brought the writer to the old homestead of the Leslies. He was received by Mr. Geo. Leslie, Sr., with great cordiality, and after some general topics had been discussed, he was invited to accompany him in a walk about his extensive orchard and nursery grounds. During the walk, conversation was engaged in to the following effect:

"I have observed your name as prominent for a long time among the citizens of Toronto."

"I came to Toronto in the year 1825, from John o' Groats, in the north of Scotland. At that time there were only five brick houses in the city."

"You have seen a good many changes in the town since then?"

"Yes, indeed! Value of land, for instance, has wonderfully advanced. A corner lot which I owned at one time and sold for a site for a bank for \$100 per foot, is now worth \$2000 per foot; and although these grounds are so far east of the Don, they are already

too valuable to hold for orchard or nursery purposes, and must be sold soon for building lots."

"I think you have been for a long time, more or less, interested in the Fruit Growers' Association of Ontario."

"Yes, I have been interested in it from its formation; and I now read THE CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST with much pleasure. But I think you should devote more attention to the subject of Forestry."

"What trees would you recommend for

'PLANTING IN MANITOBA?'

"I would recommend the *Silver Poplar* as a most excellent tree for that country. It is perfectly hardy, and will grow anywhere, and that with great rapidity. There you see a tree set in a swampy place, and notice its wonderful growth. It is about forty years of age, and if cut up would make at least four cords of wood. And here are some specimens grown on high and dry ground. Those eight were felt to grow as they stood in the nursery rows, about ten inches apart, except that two have lately been cut out.