

to the influence of drouth, and in dry seasons, especially if in light sandy soil, it should be well mulched, and occasionally thoroughly drenched with water. The great point in its culture is to keep up a good vigorous growth, which will usually be succeeded by great masses of bloom in the autumn. Last season was unusually dry, and our hydrangea suffered most severely from lack of such treatment as

we have described, the leaves drooping badly, and the flower clusters failing to reach their full development.

For a conspicuous place upon the lawn, either as a single specimen, or in a group, it is one of the most desirable of all shrubs. Its time of flowering is in August or September when there are very few other shrubs in bloom, and then there is nothing which can in any way compare with it.

SOME PROMINENT CANADIAN HORTICULTURISTS.—IV.

DR. D. W. BEADLE, ST. CATHARINES, ONT.

PROMINENT in the list of Canadian Horticulturists stands the name of Mr. Delos W. Beadle, of St. Catharines. For twenty-four years he was secretary of the Fruit Growers' Association of Ontario, filling the office with most distinguished ability, so that at the present time wherever the progress of horticultural science in Canada is spoken of, his name is also known as an authority upon the subject.

We have just had an engraving of Dr. Beadle prepared for this journal and we are sure that our readers will all be pleased to see the face of one with whose writings they are already so familiar. We have no room here for any extended biographical sketch, but wishing to preserve for future generations some account of those who have been the pioneers in Canada of our favorite industry, we have prepared the following brief notice.—

Mr. D. W. Beadle inherited a taste for horticulture from his father, Dr. Beadle, of St. Catharines, who was one of our earliest Canadian nurserymen. He was born in that place in October

17th, 1823, and was prepared for college at the Grantham Academy, now St. Catharines Collegiate Institute.

In September, 1841, he entered the Sophomore class in Yale College, New Haven, Conn., where he obtained his B.A. degree in July, 1844, and two years later received his B.A. (*ad eundem*) from the University of Toronto. In 1847 he received his LL.B. from Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., and in 1848 was called to the bar in the city of New York where he entered upon the practice of his profession in which he continued for about six years. On account of failing health he was led to seek out-door life and occupation, and was admitted by his father to an interest in the nursery business, in which line he has ever since continued.

When the Hon. Geo. Brown began the publication of the *Canada Farmer*, Mr. Beadle undertook the charge of the Horticultural Department, and continued to edit it for several years.

In January 1859 the Fruit Growers' Association of Upper Canada was organized in the city of Hamilton with