

THE GRIMSBY AND WINONA FRUIT GROWERS.

Mr. E. J. Woolverton, Grimsby, is a well-known fruit grower, because of his connection with the Niagara District Fruit Growers' Stock Co., of which he is president. His orchard is a perfect picture, consisting of about sixty acres of the choicest fruit land, in the very best state of cultivation. He has a ten-acre orchard of Baldwin apple trees, about thirty years planted, every one a beauty. They had never given a full crop, but this year they were loaded with prime fruit. But they ripened two weeks earlier than usual and two-thirds fell to the ground before they could be harvested. He shipped about 1,900 bls., but like many others, received from the net proceeds scarcely his actual expenses. Is it any wonder that he has decided to dig out a large number of these fine trees and plant some more profitable fruit?

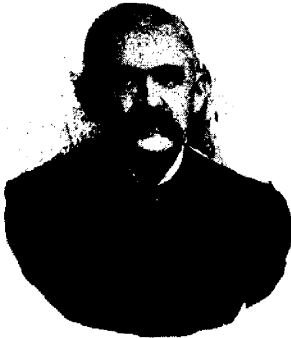


FIG. 1063.—MR. E. J. WOOLVERTON.

He has a very large vineyard of Niagara, Pocklington, and Rogers grapes, which yield abundantly, and one of the finest blocks of Duchess pears in the whole district. These fine trees were his pride for some years, owing to their rapid and vigorous growth, until the blight sadly disfigured them. Notwithstanding the discouragements Mr. Woolverton still has confidence in the future of fruit growing, and has planted his whole farm with the various fruits. His farm adjoins that of the Secretary of the Ontario F.G.A., on the west, being separated by a lane leading to Lake Ontario.



FIG. 1064.—MR. A. H. PETTIT.

Mr. A. H. Pettit, of Grimsby, whose fruit farm adjoins that of the writer on the east, was one of the first to plant a large peach orchard, chiefly of Early Crawford peaches; a large vineyard of Concord grapes, an orchard of 600 Baldwin apple trees; a plantation of Duchess pears, and other fruits. This original Crawford peach orchard was a great success, and only quite recently was renewed with young trees. The Baldwins gave him their first crop this year—the finest we ever saw—and brought the owner excellent prices from some of the inland markets of Great Britain.

Mr. M. Pettit, of Winona, a notice of whom has already appeared in this journal, is like Mr. A. H., one of our ex-presidents, has always made his vineyard his chief hobby. It is situated on rich, sandy loam, close under the mountain, the sediment from which constantly enriches. All the way to Collingwood and Thornbury this condition prevails, and those similarly situated all along the mountain base might well plant their