

## PROMINENT CANADIAN HORTICULTURISTS.

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Experimenter in Peaches and Strawberries at Leamington.

**I**N the last number of this journal we gave some account of our visit to the Leamington Fruit Experiment grounds, and now we will give the experimenter himself an introduction to all our readers.

Though born at Sparta, Elgin County, in 1849, his early life was spent at Arkona, in the County of Lambton, then almost a wilderness. Here, while quite a boy, his interest in small fruits was awakened in gathering wild raspberries, and noting the evident difference in the fruit, especially in the black caps. When old enough to experiment, he began by testing those wild black caps in the garden. His plan was to mark a large number of the best plants, while in fruit, and transplant these in autumn into rows alongside the Mammoth Cluster. He found that those wild varieties were not as hardy as that variety; nor did they succeed as well when transplanted to the garden, as they had done in the wild state.



FIG. 689.—MR. W. W. HILLBORN.