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## ONTARIO AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION.

The Report of the Commissioners appointed by the Governor in Council in April last "to inquire into the Agricultural resources of the Province of Ontario, the progress and condition of Agriculture therein, and matters connected therewith," is now before the public. It is divided into several parts for the sake of convenient reference, Part I, being the Report proper of the Commissioners, setting forth their doings and the results of their inquiries under the heads of Fruit Culture ; Cultivation of the Grape and Native Wine Making ; Forestry and Arboriculture; Insects, injurious and beneficial; Insectivorous Birds; Bee Farming; General Farming; Dairying; Horse Breeding; Poultry and Eggs; Salt in connection with Agriculture; Gypsum; Bone Dust and Phosphates; Special Crops; Agricultural Education and Farm Accounts; Meterology; Muskoka, Parry Sound and Manitoulin; Diseases of Stock, and Stock Registers; Stock Laws; and some concluding remarks on other points of interest. The remaining parts contain the evidence taken by the Commissioners upon the several subjects embraced in their report, so brought together under appropriate heads that anyone can readily find the testimony upon any given subject which he may desire to investigate.

Part III. will more immediately interest the readers of the CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST, in which will be found the evidence relating to Fruit Growing and Forestry; Grape Growing and Wine Making; Insects and Insectivorous Birds; and Bee Farming. In obtaining the evidence relative to fruit growing, the Commissioners have endeavored to procure the evidence of planters resident in all parts of the Province, and by recording the name of the person giving testimony, his place of residence and section of the country with the fruits of which he is familiar, every reader will be able to form an intelligent opinion with regard to the fruits he may hope to be able to grow successfully where he resides,