

so horribly disfigured that it is even unfit for home use. Mr. A. McD. Allan gave in amendment to the list presented for the County of Huron, the following as the varieties he would recommend to planters of orchards for commercial purposes, viz. :—For summer, the Yellow Transparent and Duchess ; for autumn, the Gravenstein, the Peewaukee and the Blenheim Orange ; for winter, the Baldwin, the Ontario and the Golden Russet.

Mr. S. D. Willard, of Geneva, N.Y., gave a very interesting address upon Fruit Growing in Western New York during the past season. Mr. Willard is Vice-President of the Western New York Horticultural Society ; he is a most enthusiastic fruit grower, and infuses life into any meeting at which he is present. He highly recommended the Yellow Transparent as a summer apple. The Sutton's Beauty, he said, keeps better than the Baldwin, and is an apple which will be wanted for every orchard as soon as it is generally known. Among peaches, Hill's Chili, though not a very good variety for eating out of hand, is an excellent one for canning purposes ; Early Rivers is comparatively a hardy variety, enduring cold that will destroy the fruit buds of many other varieties. Its child, the Horton Rivers, is very similar, but a free stone. The Yellow St. John, he considered the earliest of yellow peaches, and a variety he had never yet known to fail. The Garfield, or Brigdon, quite a new variety, promises to be a standard orchard variety, for it possesses great merits. Listening to Mr. Willard, one could not help becoming an enthusiast in fruit culture. He spoke in terms which seem almost extravagant regarding the profits of this industry. For instance, speaking of pears, he stated that his best paying crops had been taken from his Bartlett and Kieffer orchards. Of the latter variety he has one orchard of two hundred and fourteen trees, planted upon a little more than an acre of ground, and this has yielded him in three years the sum of \$3,000 ; during the year 1890, \$1,250 of this amount. Notwithstanding its poor quality there is not a variety that is growing more rapidly in favor than the Kieffer. In speaking of plums, he said the most profitable varieties were those ripening for the very early or very late market, but that it would be wise to plant for market a list of varieties covering the whole season, and possessing the characteristics of hardiness, productiveness and firmness, for distant shipments. The Windsor cherry he considered the best dark colored cherry that he had ever marketed. He had sold it in the City of Philadelphia as high as 20 cents per pound.

In reply to a question by some one present regarding the pruning of plum trees, one gentleman stated that he allowed his trees to grow as they chose, without any pruning. This brought Mr. Willard to his feet again, and he stated that formerly he had done the same, but, on visiting the Hudson River plum growers on one occasion in winter-time, he found them busily engaged in pruning their plum trees. Upon enquiring the reason of their practice, they said that if they neglected to do this their trees would be broken with the load of fruit ; but by shortening them in they were made to stiffen up and support heavier loads. Since that time he has made it a rule to cut off from one-quarter to one-