

Some cultivated species of the Hawthorn are especially elegant, as, for instance, the Double White, *C. oxyantha* fl. pl., and the Double Scarlet, *C. coccinea* fl. pl., the latter of which is well shown in our coloured engraving. Rambling about the Fonthill nurseries on one occasion the writer came unexpectedly upon the clump of this beautiful Double Scarlet Thorn, and was so charmed with it that he at once left an order for some of the trees for his own lawn. Its sharp spines are none too friendly; but we may forgive some faults in consideration of its charming blossoms, and its appropriateness as an ornamental tree for small lawns, or as a portion of a group of trees upon a large lawn. Upon this point we quote a few lines from Mr. A. J. Downing's valuable work on Landscape Gardening. He says:—

"The Hawthorn is most agreeable to the eye in composition, when it forms the undergrowth or thicket, peeping out in all its green freshness, gay blossoms, or bright fruit, from beneath and between the groups and masses of trees, where, mingled with the Hazel, etc., it gives a pleasing intricacy to the whole mass of foliage. But the different species display themselves to most advantage, and grow also to a finer size, when planted singly, or two or three together, along the walks leading through the different parts of the pleasure-ground or shrubbery." Those of our readers who are making out lists of ornamental trees for the decoration of their lawns, will do well to fill in some retired nook with samples of Paul's Double Red and Paul's Double White Thorn in one group, for thus planted they will show to good advantage in contrast.

SOME PROMINENT CANADIAN HORTICULTURISTS.—V.

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IT is with pleasure that we present to our readers a photo-engraving of one who has been long and favorably known at the meetings of our Association, and whose practical knowledge of horticulture has always been freely communicated to the public.

It is now fifteen years since he was first elected a Director, representing Division No. 4, a position which he still honorably fills; and during that time he has been once elected Vice-President, and twice President.

One hundred and one years ago Mr. Dempsey's grandfather, a United Empire Loyalist, settled at Albury, Prince Edward county. Fond of fruit culture, he brought seeds along with him, from which he started a nursery, principally of apple trees, some of which are still living and bearing fruit upon the old homestead. Cider was made in large quantities from this orchard in early days, and during the war of 1812 proved highly profitable business, bringing him high prices by the hogshead.