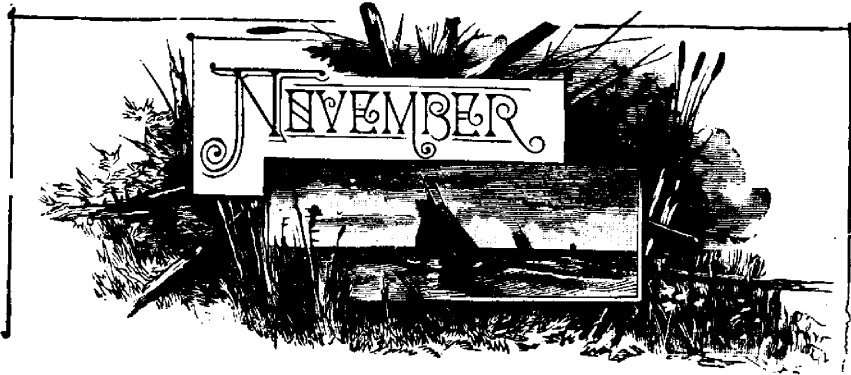


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MR. GEORGE CLINE'S PLUM ORCHARD.



NE of the largest plum orchards in the Niagara District belongs to Mr. George Cline, and is situated about midway between Grimsby and Winona. The conditions here at the foot of "The Mountain" are much the same as those at Clarksburg, where our Plum Experiment Station is situated, so that varieties that succeed at the one place may be almost counted upon as sure to succeed at the other.

It is the same mountain that winds up from Hamilton to the Manitoulin Islands, passing near to Collingwood, and dividing up near Clarksburg to form the Beaver Valley. When driving through this section with Prof. Hutt, we were struck with the general appearance of the orchards which so resembled our own at Grimsby.

We visited Mr. Cline on the 14th of August, and found his force of pickers busily engaged harvesting the Bradshaw; we took a snap shot of them at work as shown in the engraving on the next page. Mr. Cline's trees are breaking down under their immense loads of fine fruit. He had nearly all varieties in his orchard, but of course, confines his attention to only a few for market purposes. Already he had harvested about 4,000 baskets—chiefly Bradshaw and Washington, and expected that his crop of all varieties would amount to about 12,000 baskets. This is not an extraordinary crop when we consider that Mr. Cline has about 5,000 plum trees, mostly in bearing.