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Instead of our customary fruit or flower illustration we are enabled, through the courtesy of the *Rural New-Yorker*, to present our readers with a very good likeness of our much esteemed President of the Fruit Growers' Association of Ontario. This departure, we are confident, will be hailed with great satisfaction by thousands of our readers, all of whom, and especially those who enjoy the pleasure of his personal acquaintance, will be delighted to possess so good a representation of one whom we all delight to honor. That our readers and fellow members of the Fruit Growers' Association may become more fully acquainted with what our President has done already to make the world better and wiser for his having lived in it, we copy from the *Rural New-Yorker* a sketch of his labors to the present time.

"This gentleman, who has attained a high reputation both on this continent and in Europe as an entomologist and horticulturist, was born in Crediton, Devonshire, England, on the 16th of June, 1836. He removed with his parents to Canada when only twelve years of age, and at fourteen was apprenticed to a chemist, and in chemistry he is still

engaged. He began the study of entomology associated with that of botany nearly thirty years ago, and published in the *Canadian Journal* for May, 1863, the first list of plants found in that part of Western Ontario in which he resides, embracing 545 species. During the same year he took an active part in the organization and work of the Entomological Society of Canada, which is still in a flourishing condition, but known now as the Entomological Society of Ontario. On the establishment of the *Canadian Entomologist* in 1868, he became a constant contributor to its pages. In 1875 he was appointed editor of the *Journal*, and was at the same time elected President of the Society, and has ably and acceptably filled both positions ever since. In the fifteen volumes of the *Entomologist* closing with December, 1883, we find no less than two hundred and five papers from his fertile pen, and besides this, he has been one of the chief contributors to the fourteen annual reports of the Entomological Society, which have been published during the same period.

"In 1867 he was elected a Director of the Fruit Growers' Association of Ontario, and has continued till this time as a Director, and has written many valuable papers for its annual reports. He was chosen President of the Association in 1882, in which position he is still retained. Thoroughly posted on every important subject, quick, pleasant and decided, he presides with grace, and conducts a meeting with pleasure and profit to all. Having a large experimental ground, he has tested a great variety of fruits and is well informed in reference to those best