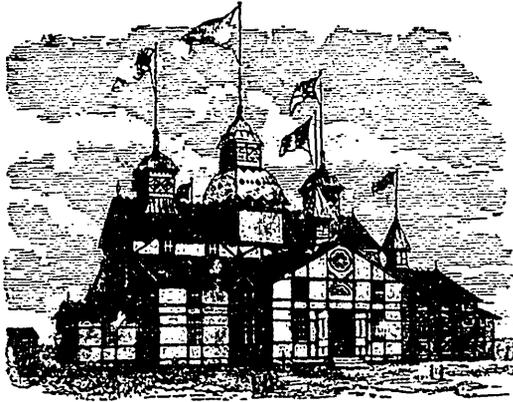


grow fine fruit. The fact is, that the country about Collingwood and well



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up the mountain, extending also to Meaford and points similarly situated along the Bay, is well adapted to the production of all the leading varieties of apples. The Spy, Baldwin, Greening, Russet, &c., all grow to perfection, and some orchardists there claim they can even grow the Early Harvest and the Fameuse, without spots.

The discussions at the day meetings were very valuable, but as they have been carefully taken down by an able stenographer for our next Annual Report we need not repeat them here.

A fine

PUBLIC MEETING

was held in the Town Hall, on Wednesday evening, the 29th inst. The place was literally full of ladies and gentlemen, who, notwithstanding the intense heat, listened with much evident interest to the addresses and music which made up the programme. His Worship the Mayor gave an address welcoming our Association to Collingwood, and expressing his belief that our coming would aid in advancing the interests of the town.

Our President gave a very valuable address, indicating the improved prospects now before Canadian fruit grow-

ers for foreign shipments, largely as the result of the Colonial Exhibition.

It was certainly encouraging to those of us who have invested our money largely in apple orchards, and were beginning to fear that the fruit would be a drug, to hear of the enquiries for Canadian apples not only in the British market but also on the Continent, and that almost every steamer is bringing over representatives of English houses desirous of procuring shipments from us. Mr. D. W. Beadle, Colonel McGill and others also addressed the meeting, and the intervals between the addresses were enlivened with excel-

lent music by some first-class local talent.

On Thursday afternoon about four o'clock when the discussions were ended, the Horticultural Society gave us all a

DRIVE INTO THE COUNTRY.

The procession of carriages formed at the Grand Central Hotel, and the whole party was conveyed out some eight or nine miles through Nottawasaga township to Duntroon. The scenery shown us was very beautiful, both going out with the mountain as a background to the picture, and returning along the "tenth line" where, at many points, we were high up the mountain with one of the most picturesque views possible opening up at intervals. Yonder, the stirring little town of Stayner nestled among the trees, and there, on the shore of the Georgian Bay which curves away toward Penetang and Parry Sound, lay the thriving town of Collingwood, with its five thousand inhabitants and its busy wharves.

Nottawasaga is pronounced to be one of the finest wheat-producing townships of Ontario, and we would infer as much from appearances, for almost every