

unconsciously preparing himself for the requirements of his present position. In May, 1863, he published in the *Canadian Journal* a list of 545 named species of plants which he had collected and identified in Western Ontario. In the same year, he took an active part in the formation of the Entomological Society of Ontario, then of Canada, a society in which he has been an arduous worker, as his many papers, both in its annual report and its monthly *Journal* clearly testify. The *Canadian Entomologist* was first published in the year 1868, and in 1875 Mr. Saunders was appointed editor of it, and continued to write voluminously for its pages. Ten years later, our own journal, THE CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST, was first published, its promoters catching the idea, no doubt, from its sister publication.

In 1867, he was elected one of the directors of the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association, and took a very active interest in its prosperity. Catching the spirit of the discussions, he planted largely of fruit and ornamental stock, both for profit and experiment, in the neighborhood of London, and thus was able to speak from practical acquaintance upon the subject of horticulture.

It seemed to be universally recognized that Prof. Saunders was by nature suited to lead, for in 1875 he was made President of the Entomological Society; in 1877, President of the American Pharmaceutical Association; in 1882, of the Fruit Growers' Association of Ontario; and in 1885, Director of the Experimental Farms of the Dominion of Canada.

It does not here concern us to speak of his work as a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, as Fellow of the Royal Microscopical Society of London, as Public Analyst of Western Ontario, or as Professor of Materia Medica in the Western University, at London, Ont. It more particularly concerns us to note that it was on the 19th of September, 1882, at an annual meeting of our Association, held in Kingston, that he was made President of our Association, a position he filled until September, 1885, when he was called to his present office.

His able addresses, during that period, are found in our Reports of those years, and are still fresh in our memories, as also is the record of his work in preparing the collection of tender fruits, in a preservative fluid, for the Colonial and Indian Exhibition, which reflected so much credit upon our country, and drew the attention to it of so many intending settlers.

It is not surprising, then, that when the Minister of Agriculture was looking for a man qualified to organize and conduct an experimental farm, that Prof. Wm. Saunders should have been selected; and we, as fruit-growers, regard his appointment as a subject for much congratulation, believing, that in course of time, his experimental work in the line of Horticulture will do much toward advancing the interests of our favorite industry.