

that the consummation of that desire may be hastened. The Ontario Fruit Growers' Association recognize that this Province of Ontario may be made not only the greatest fruit producing country on the Continent, but one of the most picturesque and attractive countries in the world to live in. This being their faith they are following it up with work, hence the organization of the affiliated societies and the sending out of lecturers to address them at their annual meetings.

The first of those societies that I had the privilege of visiting in the month of March, was at the Town of Port Hope. Port Hope is so naturally picturesque that little need be done by man to set off its romantic beauties. Much, however, has been done in this charming town in the way of floriculture, and there I found a very enthusiastic Horticultural Society, numbering well up to a hundred members. The floral display in the hall at their annual meeting was very fine, and the meeting though not a large one was made up of the best citizens of the place. It is almost needless to assert this, for had they not been the best people they would not have been there where flowers and nature were the topics of thought and expression. The society at Port Hope is particularly fortunate in having among its membership Dr. Purslow, of the Collegiate Institute and Dr. Bethune of Trinity College School. These eminent scholars and naturalists made the writer's duties very light, and after their exhaustive and valuable papers I spoke briefly, in a general way, confining myself to no particular topic. There is much missionary work for the Port Hope Horticultural Society to do in the immediate districts to the north and westward where many farm houses are in a state of neglect when a very little effort and expense would add much to their comfort and attractiveness, and hence to their value.

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SMALL FRUITS.

Nitrate of soda is a valuable fertilizer for these crops, especially strawberries and raspberries. It should be applied with powdered phosphate of lime to produce its best effects. This application to strawberries will not only double but sometimes treble the yield. The berries are larger in size, handsomer in color and of fine flavor.

Ordinary manure will not produce such results, for the reason that it is not converted into plant food until after the demand of the fruit.

The plants grow early in the season, and nitrate of soda being a leaf and stem former, while the phosphate of lime is a seed former, they are assimilated by the plant, and at once taken up and appropriated, furnishing the food necessary for the growth of the plant, and the food development of the fruit. As an available source of nitrogen, containing 16 per cent., and also 35 per cent. of soda, which is a substitute for potash for agricultural as well as for industrial purposes, the market does not furnish a better article or one that is more immediately active, and with the phosphate of lime it makes a complete manure.—
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