

commissioned an expert to travel the Province from end to end and report fully and accurately as to conditions. The result was even more encouraging than was anticipated. In practically every district visited, wherever fruit growing had been seriously attempted, the report of results was amazing.

All description, facts and figures here given are the result of first-hand information, every item being gathered "on the spot" from reliable and representative fruit growers, gardeners, managers of canneries, evaporators or other enterprises related to this industry.

How to Reach Ontario.

Step aboard an Atlantic liner at one of the British ports. In six days you land at Quebec—the Gibraltar of America—whose capture one hundred and fifty odd years ago made Canada a nation of British people. In a few hours after you take the train at Quebec you enter the eastern end of the Province of Ontario, and strike the first fruit belt—the home of the noted dessert apples, the Fameuse (Snow), and the McIntosh Red.

Valley of St. Lawrence.

Eastern Ontario possesses a great acreage of apple orchards, along and near the St. Lawrence River and on the farms extending back toward the height of land which separates the valley of the St. Lawrence from that of its

tributary, the Ottawa. Here grow many of Canada's most famous apples. The original McIntosh Red tree, or rather its withered trunk—it was recently killed by a fire which burned the nearby building—still stands at Dundela, eight miles from Morrisburg. It was dug from the woods over one hundred years ago, and now has thousands of descendants in all parts of Ontario. The neighboring fruit growers are erecting a monument as a testimonial to its worth.

Some Striking Examples.

Some idea of the profits of fruit growing in this section may be gathered from the examples of a few orchards: Ernest Farlinger, Morrisburg, sold the crop this year (1910), from one to one-third acres of orchard, containing 40 McIntosh Red trees and three Wealthys, for \$100 (£80). Harold Jones, Maitland, has four acres of Fameuse, planted in 1881, which has for sixteen years given an average annual return of \$200 (£40) per acre, the crop being sold one year for \$1,310 (£262).

Old Orchard Renews Youth.

W. G. Robertson, of Iroquois, has an orchard of $3\frac{1}{2}$ acres surrounding his buildings, in all 3 acres under trees. Of these 125 trees are in bearing, the remainder being young trees set out within the past few years. The average age of the bearing trees is 25 years, and the