



BEAUTIFUL HOMES AND FARMS



is rich in plant food, and its mechanical condition is admirable, both for fairly easy cultivation and retention of moisture.

"The surface of the county is undulated, and, having neither rock nor swamp, every acre of the ground may be cultivated.

"The climate is that happy medium between the high temperature of the northern tier of States, for instance, and the low temperature of the northern middle portion of the Province of Ontario. In the one case winter apples ripen too early, and are somewhat poor keepers; in the other case, the trees are winter killed.

"In Huron county, winter-killing is extremely rare, and winter apples ripen just before the first serious frosts, so that they go practically into a natural cold storage, and can be kept at a temperature near 32 degrees, without artificial cold storage, until the following spring if necessary.

"These combinations, trivial as they may seem, make all the difference between a profit and a loss where the price of the apples approaches that of the cost of production.

"No doubt the presence of so large a body of water as Lake Huron exercises a very marked effect in equalizing the temperature during the growing months. It is also noticeable that the elevation is not great until you get out of the boundary of the county of Huron.

"When your people recognize that this county has the capacity for producing winter apples at from 25 to 50 cents per barrel cheaper than all but a few other favored sections on the continent of North America, they will turn their attention to apple-growing, confident that it will be not only a permanent business, but a most profitable one.

"The market for apples is unlimited. Great Britain, Western Canada, the United States and other countries take all the good apples that can be grown, and ask for more. Indeed,



GRADING AND PACKING APPLES IN A HURON COUNTY ORCHARD