

the settler. Most of these men have worked on a large scale, and their testimony is that the business of fruit-growing in Ontario is a very profitable one. In all examples it will be noted that nothing is allowed for interest on money invested.

THE KING OF FRUITS.

Ontario is the home of the king of fruits. The capacity of the Province for producing apples is simply extraordinary, and the output furnishes its largest fruit interest. It has yet vast unplanted areas suitable for growing this fruit, and, in view of advancing prices and the splendid quality of the product, many farmers are seriously thinking of devoting much more attention to that promising industry.

Turning Apples into Money.

The apple tree begins to bear about the tenth year, and the productive life of a tree averages not less than fifty years.

The Superintendent of the Forest Fruit Growers' and Forwarding Association (Lambton County), an experienced man who is himself an apple grower, places the annual cost of maintaining an acre of bearing apple trees, including cultivation, manuring, spraying, etc., at *\$25 (£5), and the cost of harvesting, including packing and pack-

*\$4,867. c1. But for convenience the round figure, \$5, is often used in this pamphlet.

ages, at \$35 (£7); a total of \$60 (£12). The average yield in 1907 of the orchards included in that Association was 60 barrels per acre, exclusive of windfalls, culls, etc. The Association marketed its product in England that year, obtaining \$3.20 (13s. 13½d.) per barrel. The price was considered a good one, but the yield was deemed very moderate. The year previous the same Association sold its crop to Great Britain at \$2.50 (10s. 3½d.) per barrel for grade No. 1, and \$2 (8s. 23½d.) per barrel for No. 2 grade.

Year in and year out, well cared-for orchards, where fruit is marketed properly, will net the grower \$100 (£20) per acre. The returns are occasionally much higher. "Some years ago," a grower reports, "our orchard of 31½ acres yielded \$1,000 (£206) worth of apples"; another that "an acre of Russets, King's and Baldwins produced \$1,150 (£236) of fruit."

THROUGH THE FRUIT BELT OF ONTARIO.

Viewing the Promised Land.

During the autumn of 1910, with a view to determining at first hand the productiveness and possibilities of the Fruit Lands of Promise which compose so much of Ontario's vast territory, the Department of Agriculture