

Climatic Conditions Guar- antee Many Monopolies to Kent Farmers.

The southerly latitude and favorable climatic conditions give Kent the longest growing and ripening season in Ontario. Records show that in the Niagara district there is a growing season of 202 days; in Lambton county 204 days; in Kent the season is 210 days. The lengthy growing and ripening season, the warm climate, the favorable latitude, make possible the growing in Kent County of many crops which other parts of Canada cannot produce. These monopolies are guaranteed to Sunny South-western Ontario by Nature herself. These crops which we grow exclusively, the rest of Canada, unable to grow, must buy from us. Many other crops which Kent does not produce exclusively, Kent produces several weeks earlier than other parts of Canada.

RED CHEEKED KENT PEACHES.

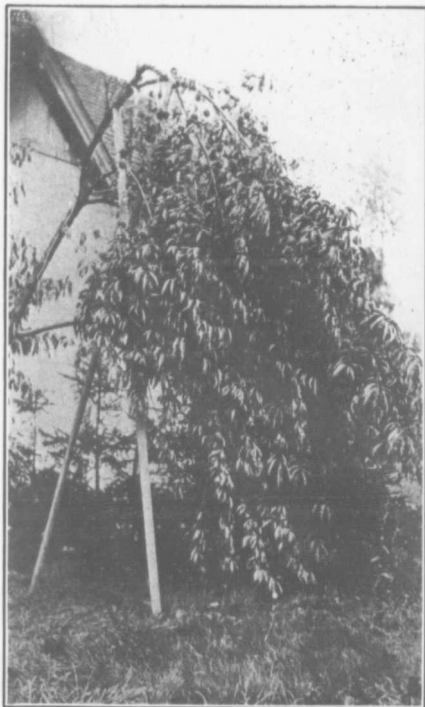
Along the north shore of Lake Erie, from east to west, runs the famous Ridge—a height of land that has greatly influenced specialized farming in Kent. North and south of the Ridge district, the slopes for a distance of several miles provide the famous gravelly loam or "peach sand," without which peaches cannot be grown to the best advantage. The near proximity of a broad expanse of water helps to ward off untimely frost, and protect the opening buds.

Along the Ridge district, from Wheatley on the extreme west, through Cedar Springs, Blenheim and still further east, this light dry soil produces peaches fully the equal of any grown in Canada. The industry is comparatively new, and for this reason the very best peach land in Canada can be here secured more cheaply than anywhere else; but peach growing has been carried on for a sufficient length of time to prove beyond challenge that the red cheeked Kent peaches are equal to any on the market, and superior to most. Peach growers along Lake Erie are making good money, and prices of peach land are steadily advancing.

The Ridge does not represent the limits of peach growing in Kent. Peaches have been successfully produced in all parts of the county. But along the Ridge are found the conditions most favorable.

LARGE POSSIBILITIES IN SMALL FRUITS.

Wherever peaches grow, all other fruits grow. In all parts of Kent County, small fruits—strawberries, raspberries, currants, gooseberries, lawton-berries—are grown successfully and yield abundant crops. The early season enables the Kent growers to



Bending Beneath the Weight of Red Cheeked Kent Peaches

capture the trade while prices are still good, and consequently the profits are larger than where the season is late.

From Wheatley on the south, to Bothwell on the north, small fruits are successfully grown, and find in the populous towns and cities of Ontario a ready market.

Cherries, plums, pears, quinces, apricots and other fruits are all successfully grown, rendering this section a very desirable one for farmers who wish to carry on fruit-growing in all its branches.

OPPORTUNITIES IN APPLE ORCHARDS.

Apple growing on modern lines is still in its infancy. The day of the old, carelessly kept apple orchard—often the best acre in the farm—is gradually passing, to make way for scientific orcharding. Experience has proven that all the leading varieties