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five to fifteen miles in treadth, popularly known as the Annapolis Valley. This territory, on account of its peculiar and favorable location, along the south shore of the Bay of Fundy, is extremely suitable for the production of many of the standard apples and other fruits, and, as an additional advantage, it is adequately protected from winds and ocean fogs by a range of hills on either side, known as the North and South mountains.

In some parts of this district the cultivation of the apple began very early, and magnificent trees which have passed the century mark, are still to be found produc-ing crops of fruit. As the success of apple culture became assured, the people began to increase their orchard planting rapidly, until at present, considering the territory involved, no portion of the Dominion has larger or more important orchards within a given radius.

In the vicinity of Waterville, Berwick and in other parts of this valley there are large areas of virgin soil that can be obtained at very low cost. While a considerable portion of this land is covered with a second growth of birch, alder, spruce and other small trees, it can be easily cleared and profitably utilized for fruit-growing, as an inspection of the fine orchards in the immediate neighborhood will clearly demonstrate.

It has been estimated by experienced men that not more than ten per cent of the available fruit land in this entire valley is being utilized for that purpose. The balance, outside of the dyke lands and an occasional improved farm devoted to mixed farming, lies fallow and waiting the advent of those who will develop it and repeat the successes of those who have done the pioneer work.

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District number seven comprises the remaining portion of the province, and includes many sections where fruit is being produced with more or less success. In the neighborhood of Bridgewater some very good orchards were observed, and along the southern shore there are many thousand acres of blueberries, while cranterries are also being cultivated with considerable success.

Near the town of Truro and in portions of Picton county the hardier fruits, if given care and protection from severe winds, should succeed fairly well. Further work should be undertaken to more fully demonstrate the range of fruits likely to prove suitable for this and similar areas.

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