

they are taken by a local canning factory at \$1.50 (5s. 3d.) per crate of 24 boxes, a box holding something less than a quart.

Onions are quite a specialty in the "marsh" lands several miles east of Leamington, where you find a group of farmers putting from one to fifteen acres annually under this crop. In a good season lately they sent off 68 car-loads of onions, from about the same number of acres. That means 6,300 sacks, each containing 75 pounds, and they fetched from 65 to 75 cents (2s. 8½d. to 3s. 1½d.) per sack, or \$315 (over £63) per acre.

While it is true that between this district and the Niagara Peninsula fruit is only grown in spots,—partly because the conditions are less perfect, and partly because the country's capacity has not been developed as well as it might be,—it is also true that even
"Corn and Hogs." in the best fruit section of Essex many people still pin their faith to the raising of "corn and hogs." The corn, otherwise maize, yields about 100 bushels, or even 125 bushels to the acre, and with pork at \$8.15 (say 34s.) per 100 pounds, live weight, this industry certainly has something to commend it.

This district, by the way, including part of Kent, has a great reputation for its maize, and supplies seed to growers in many parts of the Dominion.

There is the same need here as in most other parts of Ontario, for good men to help on the farms. I found one grower employing, besides his casual help for the season, two experienced men
Labour and Land. who were each receiving from \$340 to \$380 (£70 to £78) a year, with free house, fruit, vegetables and milk. In this district, as elsewhere, I found Englishmen and other Old-country folk of the right sort highly appreciated, and more of them wanted.

Land here is selling at from \$100 to \$150 (£20 16s. to £31 5s.) an acre, though a few miles farther north \$45 or \$50 (£9 7s. or £10 8s.) would buy land not of the special quality suited to peaches or tobacco. A 50-acre farm, with a small house and good barn, was sold last autumn for \$3,700 (£770), an increase of \$700 (£146) in less than a year, while a 25-acre farm without buildings realized \$3,000 (£625), and a place of the same size, including a new house, said to be worth \$3,000, changed hands at \$7,500 (£1,562).

One last word about the special climate of this district. While December, January, February and March
The Climate. are considered winter months, it is rare to have the land frozen up much before Christmas, though a little frost may have been experienced about the middle of October. The winter is not one continuous cold spell, but it is a good deal broken up; and there is never very much snow. Sometimes there is sleighing for three weeks at a time, but sometimes there is next to none. If you had seen, as I have, in the late autumn, big beds of purple pansies, and bowers of honeysuckle covered with fragrant bloom, a plot of big red Californian peppers, and even a cotton plant in flower, you would almost wonder whether in Canada's farthest south there was any cold weather at all.