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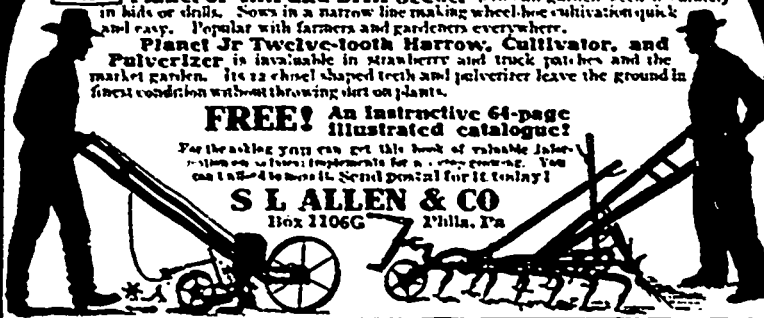
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while apples, pears, plums and grapes are grown on practically any of the six hundred and fifty-nine thousand acres. The killing of the peach by frost has never been known here, while the San Jose Scale has never yet made its appearance.

### APPLES LEAD

Apples, however, are still the leading fruit of Lambton, and many thousands of trees are being planted every year. In the past the apple orchards were largely neglected, and but little interest was taken in them, but now all is changed. The apple orchards are being ploughed up and the trees pruned and sprayed until many of the finest apple orchards of the province are to be found here. Some of the annual output of thousands of barrels besides large quantities of other fruit. Varieties chiefly grown are the Baldwin, Spy, R. I. Greening, King, and Golden Russett.

In addition to the larger fruits berries and vegetables are extensively grown, and find a ready market in the north, which direct communication is given by boats sailing straight north from the port of Lambton.

Up to the present the county has been free from real estate booms. Its success due entirely to the development of its natural resources. Here land suitable for growing peaches or any other kind of fruit can be bought at prices ranging from five dollars to one hundred dollars an acre according to its situation, and practically all of which is ready for planting.

Lambton has no less than six cooperative fruit growing associations, all working in harmony with each other and promoting the best they can the fruit growing industry. In addition to this there are three canning factories with the prospect of others next season, also ten large up-to-date evaporators, which are rushed to their most capacity to handle the lower grade apples.

In view of the success already attained and climatic conditions possessed, we look forward with confidence to be in the future a second Niagara, a district which we have the greatest admiration. Gratefully acknowledge the public spirit of its leading citizens, to whom we owe much for their unflinching efforts to lead us to the highway to success. — D. J. Forest, Ont.

At the short course held last month at the Guelph Agricultural College, at which were present representatives from the several cooperative fruit growers' associations, it was agreed that Ontario should have a central organization for the purpose of handling the fruit crop in large quantities. The fruit grower would thus realize better returns without any increase in cost to the grower. The following were appointed to a committee to bring about the consolidation: P. W. Hodgetts; Rebt. Thompson; Catharines; Elmer Lick; Chatham; Carey, Hamilton; C. W. Gurney; and Adam Brown, of Owen Sound. They will get to work at once and report to local associations early in the year.

The Canadian Horticulturist is a receipt of a magnificent calendar called "The Grecian Idol," after the painting of Henry Ryland. It is being distributed by Gro. T. Dickerson, 1 Broadway, New York, United States representative of Edward T. Dickerson, Chatham, France. The ornamentals, and nurseries and tree stocks of this firm are everything in quality the calendar referred to. The firm's business is bound to increase rapidly.