

Agricultural Resources

The country surrounding Belleville is one of the wealthiest and most fertile in Canada.

Cheese. See page 38, opposite. Cheese is one of the most valuable and important products of Hastings and Prince Edward Counties. There are *over 75 cheese factories within a radius of 30 miles of Belleville*. The majority make cheddar cheese of the highest quality, which has a well-established reputation among connoisseurs in England.

Hogs. A valuable by-product of the Cheese industry. This district is a large producer of pork.

Cattle. See page 32. The finest Holstein cattle in the world have been originated in this district. Belleville is noted for its annual sales of high-grade Holsteins.

Fruits. Prince Edward County, just half a mile across the Bay from Belleville (see map, page 21), ranks with the Annapolis Valley in Nova Scotia, the Okanagan Valley in British Columbia, and the Niagara District in Southern Ontario, as one of the four great fruit-growing centres of Canada. Cherries, apples, plums, pears, berries, etc., all of the choicest quality, are grown in enormous quantities.

Vegetables. See pages 36 and 37. All the standard vegetables are produced in large variety and quantity. Southern Hastings and Prince Edward Counties are especially noted for tomatoes, which are produced in quantities almost unbelievable to the layman. They are said by experts to be the finest grown anywhere in Canada. Prince Edward is also famous for sweet corn, peas, etc.

Evaporators and Canning Factories. The most convincing proof of the amazing fertility of this section and the abundance of fruits and vegetables produced therein is the fact that there are thirty canning factories and twenty fruit evaporators within a radius of twenty miles of Belleville. The Canneries are noted for their tomatoes, corn, peas, etc.