

pears and cherries, and in a lesser degree quinces and peaches, are cultivated, together with an infinite variety of small fruits, such as strawberries, raspberries, gooseberries, currants, etc., all of which grow in great abundance.

This valley also possesses large quantities of excellent land for general farming. Kings county has vast stretches of dike marsh on the rivers which flow into the Basin of Minas. It is admirably adapted for stock raising and dairying. In the western section of the county, hitherto waste bog lands are rapidly being utilized for cranberry culture. Those who have engaged in this industry have found it to be quite profitable.

Kings is noted for the superior quality of its potatoes and their prolific growth, running from 200 to 350 and even 400 bushels to the acre. All kinds of roots grow well in its rich and fertile soil. It is dotted over with thriving towns and villages, and the scenery is varied and picturesque. Taking into account its many advantages I do not consider the price of farms in this beautiful county at all high. Good farms may be purchased at prices varying from \$3,000 to \$15,000.

Kentville is the shire town and a centre of business activity, with a population of 1,700. Wolfville is the next town of importance, being the seat of Acadia College and the Nova Scotia School of Horticulture; Canning and Berwick may also be mentioned as busy and beautiful little towns. All of these towns are centres of prosperous agricultural districts.

Annapolis county, like Kings, is noted for its fruit and general agricultural capabilities. The eastern section of the county has the same characteristics as the western part of Kings which it adjoins, being well watered with rivers and streams coming from the mountains, along whose courses are