

NOTES FROM THE PROVINCES

New Brunswick Fruit Growing

In many sections of New Brunswick, fruit growing is past its experimental stage as a visit to numerous orchards or an inspection of fruit exhibits at our various exhibitions will demonstrate. Nearly all the small fruits, many varieties of plums and pears, and all but a very few varieties of apples flourish in the province when care is given to their culture and growth. In the lower part of the St. John Valley the most progress has been made and there all the standard varieties of winter apples grown in Nova Scotia are produced with good success. Such varieties as American Baldwin, King, Spy, Ribston, Bishop Pippin (Yellow Bellflower), Golden Russet, especially if top grafted on native stocks, adapt themselves to the climatic conditions. The Gravenstein also does well top-grafted. The territory to which these remarks refer is known to extend from Oak Point to the Oromocto River, and to stretch back on either side of the River St. John an undetermined distance. Various places along the Belle Isle, Washademock and Grand Lake shores, as also parts of Albert and Westmorland counties, grow good winter varieties.

All these districts as well as many others, especially the St. John River Valley from Oromocto to the Victoria county line, grow the best varieties of late autumn apples such as McIntosh Red, Wealthy, St. Lawrence, Wolf River, Alexander and Fameuse, and this district also has considerable win-

ter fruit. In parts of Victoria county, in Madawaska and on exposed situations along the sea coast, apple growing has not proved successful, but with these exceptions all the best early fall varieties of apples can be grown throughout the province.

The "illustration orchards" might well be extended and more use made of them as object lessons in apple growing. Orchard meetings under the charge of an expert horticulturist have done good work in the past, and can be continued with great advantage.

Experts, competent to speak with authority, tell us that a larger area of first-class apple growing country exists in New Brunswick than is to be found in Nova Scotia. At present but little care and skill is given to the selection and planting of varieties suitable to the various localities, to the setting out and care of young trees or to the necessary care of bearing orchards. Marketing is done very badly, yet there are a number of orchardists who are setting an example and proving that apple growing is a very profitable business.

A great success of strawberry culture is being made by a number of growers, their berries having the highest reputation wherever sold from Sydney, Nova Scotia, to Montreal and Boston. Mention should also be made of the immense crops of blueberries that grow anywhere in the province where a fire has prepared the land for them. They are exported to the United States in large quantities. Wild raspberries in some

sections also form an export crop. Cranberries grow on suitable bogs everywhere. At St. Martins, a variety of cranberry of high quality grows on the upland fields.

The employment of a good horticulturist who would devote his time to the development of fruit interests throughout the Province would be a most valuable and needed aid to the development of what can be made a great industry.—From Report of New Brunswick Agricultural Commission, March, 1909.

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Editor, THE CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST: We have noticed in several issues of your paper a request for information regarding our doings in the maritime provinces. In a small town or city of some 7,000 we cannot be specialists in any one thing. We have to be both florists and general horticulturists, with a few acres of land, either owned or leased, near at hand, with greenhouses, hotbeds, sashes and so forth, as a means of producing early flowers and vegetables. During late fall we prepare for winter by marketing or storing the crop of potatoes, celery, cabbage, turnips and carrots. Some of these pay better if kept till spring if stored safely away. We have as the wise man said, "A time and season for everything under the sun." This is true in horticultural matters.

I will instance this by our leading fruit grower in this locality, Mr. J. C. Gilman, who has found that it would be to his great advantage to build a suitable cold storage for keeping several hundred barrels of apples. The consumers, as they have no suitable place for storing, prefer buying in small quantities and thus Mr. Gilman can supply at a few hours notice, a barrel or half a barrel of fruit in fall, winter or



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