



Apple Trees in Bloom—Geo. Paton's Orchard—Armstrong

It is significant that very many settlers and inquiries come from Manitoba and the Northwest, where there are millions of acres of free lands, or cheap lands of the most fertile character. As a matter of fact, the increase of population has largely percolated through that country.

The following figures are given conservatively as to the expense of setting out a ten acre orchard of apples:

10 acres of land at \$100 per acre .....	\$1,000.00
Fencing .....	95.00
Preparing land at \$5.00 per acre .....	50.00
484 trees (30 feet apart) at 20c each .....	96.80
Setting out and planting at 7 cents each .....	33.88
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$1,275.68</b>

For the first year or two potatoes or other root crops may well be grown between the trees, keeping a strip on each side of the row of trees well cultivated. A clover crop also may be grown, plowing it under about the fifth or sixth year.

## Cost of Taking Care of the Trees

The cost of cultivating the land occupied by the trees, spraying and pruning them, should not exceed the following figures:

First year at \$9.00 per acre .....	\$ 90.00
Second year at \$9.00 per acre .....	90.00