

Windsor and Annapolis Railway, which intersects the Valley from beginning to end.

The last census indicates that, notwithstanding all these natural advantages, there has been in reality a decrease in the population of the Valley. It is situated so near to the United States, and the means of access are so numerous, that there is an overwhelming tendency, on the part of the young people, to go to Boston and vicinity rather than to remain and take care of the farms. The result is a scarcity of farm labor, and a development less pronounced than could be desired. It is undoubtedly one of the sections of the Dominion that would profit enormously by free trade relations with the United States, and with its great resources—natural beauties, and numerous advantages as a place of residence, and with a soil and climate so favored by nature—there can scarcely be a doubt that in the course of time, with proper energy and enterprise on the part of its people, it will be the happy home of very many thousands of prosperous and progressive people.



FIG. 401.—APPLE PICKING, ANNAPOLIS VALLEY.