

*Prince Edward Island.*—The culture of apples has not developed as rapidly on Prince Edward Island as the climate and soil justify. This is due to a large extent to the fact that transportation between the island and the mainland and with the markets of Great Britain and Europe is not yet very good. The apple succeeds well in this province and owing to the comparatively cool summer and autumn, causing slow ripening, the fruit keeps as long or longer than in any other part of the Dominion. The soil of a very large proportion of the province is well adapted to the cultivation of the apple. In places windbreaks are necessary owing to the high winds and exposed nature of the sites in some of the best districts. While some apple trees are grown by most of the farmers on the island, there are comparatively few commercial orchards for the reason given above. Apple trees have been grown on Prince Edward Island since about 1763, when the English first settled there.

*New Brunswick.*—The climate of New Brunswick is admirably suited to the cultivation of the hardier varieties of apple, and as some of the apples of the most attractive appearance and the best quality are among the hardier sorts, this province could grow a very large quantity of the finest fruit. Land is relatively cheap, also, in New Brunswick, which should be an inducement to many persons to plant apple orchards. The transportation facilities are good, and being near the seaboard the growers have not far to send their fruit intended for export. The development has been slow, however until recently when there has been an awakening of interest and more trees are being planted. While, perhaps, the largest area of land suitable for growing apples is in the St. John River valley, yet many other sections, particularly in the eastern part of the province, will grow very fine fruit. Although the apple has not been grown as long in New Brunswick as in some other parts of Canada, it has been cultivated since the early part of the nineteenth century and possibly before.

*Nova Scotia.*—The apple has been grown in Nova Scotia longer than in any other province of Canada with, perhaps, the exception of Quebec. The French settlers who occupied this province, then called Acadia, in the early part of the seventeenth century, no doubt, planted seeds and trees. When settlers from New England came in 1761 they found trees in bearing and there is a record of top-grafting being done in 1764, showing that cultivation of the apple had advanced considerably at that date. It is only within the last fifty or sixty years, however, that the apple has been grown commercially to any extent, but the industry has now reached great proportions. The largest crop so far was produced in 1911 when 1,734,000 barrels were packed and sold from the Annapolis and adjacent valleys. The total crop for the Province was, however, considerably greater than this.

The parts of Nova Scotia which so far have been used to the greatest extent for apple orchards are the Annapolis and adjacent valleys, making a district of about 100 miles long and from 6 to 11 miles wide. The south-eastern part of Nova Scotia, while not yet planted very much to apple trees, is attracting more and more attention as the climate and soil are well adapted to the successful culture of most of the varieties grown in the Annapolis valley and the time will come, no doubt, when this part of Nova Scotia will be noted for its apples. In northern Nova Scotia also and in Cape Breton, good fruit of the hardier varieties can be successfully grown.

*Quebec.*—The apple was probably planted in what is now the province of Quebec as early as in any part of Canada. There are records which show that as long ago as 1663 this fruit was being produced there and doubtless some seeds or trees were planted when the first settlements were made near the beginning of the seventeenth century. While the apple industry has not grown as rapidly in this province as in some other parts of Canada, there are many fairly large orchards there and some new orchards are being planted every year. The capabilities of Quebec for the production of apples of the finest appearance and best quality are very great. It was in this province that the Fameuse apple is thought to have originated, and