

IT IS AN INTERESTING SUBJECT,

a subject in which we Annapolitans are much interested, financially and otherwise. The culture of apples is an interesting and a profitable calling. I claim that \$1 per barrel, clear of the barrel, pays better than any other branch of agriculture in this county. Our climate and soil is particularly adapted to the growth of the apple. It is true that apple trees do not mature as quickly with us as on some parts of the Pacific coast, where trees come into bearing in four years. Neither can we grow as handsome fruit as Ontario and some of the Western States. Nor can we compete with Boston and New York shippers, being heavily handicapped in the matter of ocean freights, yet it is only a question of time, when this noble old County of Annapolis with its wealth of marshes and orchards will hold its own against all comers.

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