

that these conditions were in evidence in one part of the country an entirely different situation was being experienced elsewhere, it being almost impossible, for weeks at a time, to secure a supply of fruit for dessert or culinary purposes in many places not too remote from the source of supply. When closely investigated, the difficulty would be found to be largely lack of proper distribution, owing to failure to anticipate a large crop, and to provide for the picking, packing and placing in the hands of consumers. If attention had been given to securing quality, and suitable arrangements made for marketing, it is quite safe to say that very little fruit in the past need have wasted in the orchards or have lacked profitable sale.

In the replies to the series of questions sent out to all parts of the country, in which an opinion was requested, as to the likelihood of over-production in fruit, almost without exception the answer was in the negative, qualified as above outlined. Careful investigation has shown that not more than ten per cent of the trees planted in the Eastern States become commercially profitable, and it is estimated that not more than twenty per cent in Oregon and Washington, and possibly a similar amount in British Columbia, are likely to reach this condition. Moreover, a number of years must elapse before an orchard will produce in quantity. The markets for fruit in city and country are increasing rapidly, the taste of the people is being cultivated for a larger use of fruit in their daily diet, and numerous large allied industries depend upon fruit for their raw material. Taking all these factors into consideration, no immediate fear need be experienced as to disastrous results from over-production in the near future.

Reference has been made to the rapid increase and development in connection with the preservation of fruits in glass and tin. There are at present a very large number of factories engaged in this industry with an enormous annual output of fruits and vegetables. This product is distributed from one end of Canada to the other, and a considerable portion is exported annually. The factories are widespread and located in close proximity to the supply of raw material and from the fact that their contracts are made in advance and sometimes for several years ahead, the fruitgrower has a sure and definite market for his product and can devote his energies to producing a crop with the full assurance of a market already provided.

The manufacture of unfermented wine and cider, is also being taken up on a comparatively large scale in some sections, and bids fair to attain important proportions in the near future. In view of the rapidly changing sentiment of the Canadian people on the question of the use of intoxicating liquors, this industry is likely to be well sustained and become quite profitable.

A large number of evaporators have been established at strategic points where quantities of apples, which for any reason may not be adapted for shipment in their fresh state, may be put in a condition that will enable them to be transported to any part of the world.

Taking everything into consideration, the outlook for the extension and development of the fruit areas of Canada is very bright and it only remains for those whose inclination leads them in this direction, to go up and possess the land and reap the rewards of well-directed effort.

ADVANTAGE OF SMALL FRUIT FARMS.

In addition to the many other advantages which are possessed by a section of country devoted to the growing of fruits of various kinds, is the tendency to sub-divide large farms into smaller holdings. Professor Warren of Cornell University, head of the Department of Farm Management, after a thorough survey of two of the more important counties of New York State, devoted largely to general farming, sums up the limit of profitable farm management as being in inverse ratio from the smaller holdings to the farm of at least two hundred acres, under which the greatest efficiency may be obtained with a minimum of expense.