

MARKET GARDENING.

The early season—two weeks in advance of the greater part of Canada—will ultimately enable Kent County to supply early vegetables for all parts of Ontario. For years past many small farmers have made good money raising vegetables for sale on local markets. The development of co-operative methods of handling the crop will stimulate this branch of farming.

Celery raising is successfully carried on in many places, and Kent celery is noted as at once crisp and tender. Melons of all kinds are successfully produced.

Some farmers make good money growing sweet corn for the canneries, the crop producing a valuable by-product in the shape of fodder.



A Field of Money Making Cabbages.

FLAX GROWING IN KENT.

The importance of the flax growing industry in Kent is shown by the existence of flax mills at Wal-



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laceburg, Dresden and Tilbury. The crop is a profitable one for many Kent farmers, who find a ready market practically at their doors.

BIG RETURNS FROM FOXES.

Fox farming, an industry which in recent years has sprung into sudden prominence, yields large profits. There are a number of fox farms in Kent, the best known being located near Thamesville, Bothwell and Ridgetown. Rucker & Hubbell, of Thamesville, in 1913, raised eight puppies from two pair. Two of these, fine females, brought \$12,000. The growing scarcity of wild fur bearing animals ensures the future of this industry, the demand for foxes for breeding purposes alone so far exceeding the supply.

Kent Farmers Find it Easy to Take Their Crops to Market

Next to a fertile soil and a favorable climate, convenience to markets is of vital importance. In Kent County, the farmer finds his markets practically at his own door. Within short distance and easy haul of the large eastern cities, he finds buyers for his farm products in all the commercial centres of the county.

RAILWAY FACILITIES.

Five trunk lines—the Grand Trunk, Canadian Pacific, Wabash, Michigan Central and Pere Marquette—place Kent in close touch with Detroit, Chicago, and other large American cities on the west, and with Toronto, Montreal, Buffalo, New York and the Atlantic seaboard. North and south, the trunk

lines are linked together by the Pere Marquette, running from Rondeau harbor to Sarnia, and the Chatham, Wallaceburg & Lake Erie electric railway, important extensions to which will be made in the near future. Every few miles throughout the county are convenient freight sidings and elevators, to facilitate shipments of farm produce.

The Western Ontario branch of the Canadian Northern railway, and the radial lines in connection with the Ontario Hydro Electric system, will also be extended through Kent and will serve the needs of this county. Within a few years we may look for the entire county to be served by a network of radial lines, giving the farmer easy access to any point.