

SOME MONEY IN FRUIT.

WHAT THE WOLFVILLE LAND COMPANY WILL DO

If They Get the Opportunity—Their Plans Outlined—An Estimate of Profit on Fruit Growing—Wolfville and Its Advantages Talked About.

It seems curious at this season of the year to hear any one talk about fruit growing and fruit culture. Yet that subject is occupying the attention of a good many people in this city at present, and Progress anticipates that, after its issue of today, a large number of persons who have not thought on this subject before will give it serious attention.

For the past week or two Mr. W. C. Archibald, the energetic and fluent secretary of the Wolfville Land and Improvement Company has been in the city, and his representation of the plans of the corporate body of which he is a member has been such as to induce a number of careful going and prudent citizens to purchase lots in the land company in question.

Wolfville is a beautiful place, as attractive, undoubtedly, as any of the many charming localities in the Annapolis valley, or, as the habitants love to call it, "The Land of Evangeline." It possesses many advantages in the way of location, and it is to the province of Nova Scotia as much an educational and collegiate centre as Frederickton is to the province of New Brunswick. Above and beyond all this, its people are so energetic and evidently so brainy, so full of faith in their town and its surroundings that they do not hesitate to take advantage of its natural opportunities. In a short article about Wolfville and the plans of the Wolfville Fruit-Land Improvement Co., Ltd., a gentleman who has long been a resident of New Brunswick and lived in almost every section of it, but is now a citizen of Wolfville, has this to say:

"It is a place of exceptional healthfulness. The Basin of Minas, whose tide flows into the town, affords a delightful atmosphere in summer and tempers the severity of winter. It bears away the drainage of the town. In sixty-three years the educational institutions have never been attacked by any severe sickness, and never have they been broken up, as other schools have been, by disease. It is a place of great beauty. The landscape view from almost any one of the lots laid out by the company is unrivalled. Land and water, mountain and meadow, field and forest, island and sea-shore, are grouped into forms and relations of almost ideal beauty and grandeur. The locality is well adapted for fruit culture. The North Mountain shuts out the fogs and winds of the bay. The consequent warmth and the abundant moisture of the soil, resulting from frequent showers, promote rapid growth and large productiveness. The northern slope is our best for fruit. Mr. Archibald's wide experience in fruit-growing gives him the right to speak assuredly of his new method of planting and cultivating fruit trees of various kinds. The happy combination of residential homes with large areas in fruit gardens must be pleasing to all who visit the place."

Another gentleman, who it is quite evident has no material interest in the plans of the company, has this to say of Wolfville as a place of residence.

"Of the natural advantages of Wolfville and vicinity as a place of residence, too many scores could be said. Its salubrious climate, fertility of soil, adaptability to fruit culture, and charming variety and scenery, it stands unrivalled in Nova Scotia, while its social, educational and religious advantages make it a most desirable place for residing a family."

The venerable president of Acadia College, who will perhaps not object to his name being used in this connection, writes as follows:

"I have carefully gone over the plans of the lots on the west side of University avenue and find them to be correct representations of the natural features of the land. All that the company proposes to do with these grounds seems to me to be quite practicable. On account of the natural configuration of the property and the fact that it is situated within the limits of the most favored region of Nova Scotia for fruit-growing, these lots may be very desirable, both for residence and for fruit culture."

An extensive and attractive plan of the company's land is shown on the 12 page of this issue of PROGRESS. Many of the lots therein indicated have already been disposed of, but there are still a large number for sale. The plan gives a splendid idea of the location of the property and the situation of the lots with the intentions of the company in regard to fruit growing. Their idea is really to carry out on a large and extended scale what has been demonstrated by private individuals to be thoroughly successful on small and well cultivated grounds. Up to this time in the Maritime Provinces fruit growing has been chiefly done by cultivating the different fruits in different fields. The method of this company is to elaborate on a well defined system of mixed fruit growing which has proved to be not only economical, but exceedingly successful. By the estimate which accompanies this article some idea will be gained of the results from mixed fruit growing as tried for ten consecutive years. The profits in fruit growing are very large where the work is properly carried on. This has been demonstrated again and again by growers in the Annapolis Valley, a notable example of which is Judge Weatherbee of Halifax, who owns the extensive grounds, St. Eulalie, at Grand Pre and he is quoted as saying that there is a belt of land containing about 400 square miles in the Annapolis Valley capable of producing an annual revenue of \$30,000,000. There is no soil in the world that will yield like this in this valley and fruit can be raised there more profitably than in any other section in the world. In addition to the testimony of Judge Weatherbee, Professor Sanderson, of the experimental station, says that in Nova Scotia there is the finest apple orchards in the Dominion, that he knows of no locality where trees bear so abundantly and continuously as in the Cornwallis Valley. Professor Hind of Windsor says that the soil and climate are peculiarly adapted to the development of the great and increasing industry of fruit growing, and that properly managed there can be no successful competition on the American continent. Dr. Chipman in the 103rd. annual report says: "The possibility of fruit raising and market gardening in this Valley are only just beginning to dawn on the people." In speaking about the past season he says that the peach trees were well filled with fruit which ripened thoroughly about August 15th.

As a result of the plan of the company there has been a good deal of talk regarding the establishment of a horticultural experimental station at Wolfville, and it is quite probable that if sufficient influence can be brought to bear upon the government at Ottawa that this will be done. Certainly there can be no doubt but that a sum of money expended in this direction would be very well spent.

The building sites of the Land Company which will be seen by the plan on the 12th page are only laid out where the location is pleasing and the landscape attractive. The grounds and the lower level are to be planted with fruit trees. It is the intention

of the Company to set out 20,000 fruit trees next spring.

Many of the lots are sold and the owners of them are making arrangements to erect neat and handsome dwellings on their property. The officers of the Company are well known gentlemen who have made a success of the ordinary business of life and who could not be prevailed upon to enter into what is generally termed by the world "wild cat speculation." They include among them: Dr. D. G. DeWitt as president; Mr. E. G. Smith of Halifax, as treasurer, and Mr. W. C. Archibald, as secretary. One of the points that the promoters of the Company emphasize is that Wolfville Highlands, Longfellow's Heights and Blomden Block, all gently sloping grounds of the Basin of Minas, are included in the landscape, and the entire portion of Acadia as portrayed by Longfellow in his story of "Evangeline." The grounds of the park have been so laid out that the villas and more stately mansions will set back from the street not less than thirty feet, while the thoroughfare in front will be lined on either side by peach trees, the bright green foliage of which is in direct contrast to the darker green of the pear trees.

As an indication of the enterprise of Wolfville it may be stated that the town is now erecting a new and model school building which will contain some six departments, including the kindergarten, and the child who enters the infant school in this town may pass through the various stages of intellectual development and it is a desirable graduate from one of the first colleges in the Maritime provinces.

An enthusiastic Acadian writes of Wolfville as "pre-eminently a minister's rest, the convalescent's refuge, the merchant's summer resort, and the tourist's paradise." The Royal Hotel has just been purchased by Dr. DeWitt and other gentlemen associated with him, who propose to move the structure and other buildings back on the property and at once erect a fine brick building with plate glass front and windows, equipped with modern baths and every improvement appreciated by the majority of summer travellers. No more suitable spot could be chosen than Wolfville for this proposed sanatorium, its robust and health giving air justifying the American capitalist in launching the project and encouraging others in their enterprise.

There is almost immediate need for a number of working men with their families to move to Wolfville and engage in the work of fruit growing. One of their first qualifications is however that they must be temperate in their habits, and of course steady, industrious and trustworthy. The preference will be given to Nova Scotians who are now in the United States, and the wages offered is \$1.25 per day of ten hours. The new houses that are now being built will be ready for occupancy by the first of April, when the work of setting of trees will be begun. The houses will be neatly and inexpensively built and will be sold on the installment plan. The following statement will give you some idea of the cash value of an orchard with its income for a period of ten years.

1st Year—		
1 Acre, Virgin Soil		\$ 100.00
Removing Surberbery, Stone, &c.	3.00	
Fencing	10.00	
Fertilizing	20.00	
Breaking up land, 2 Ploughing—		
Spring and Autumn—to be paid for by grain crop	6.65	
Interest		6.65
		\$139.65

2nd Year—		
50 Apple Trees, 20		\$ 10.00
400 Plum " 40		160.00
100 Pear " 40		40.00
50 Quinces " 40		20.00
Setting Orchard, 65		30.00
Fertilizer		20.00
Cultivating 1 year, 1 Ploughing, 10		12.00
Cleanings with Cultivator and Hoe		21.8
Interest		21.8
		\$453.23

3rd Year—		
Cultivating 1 year and applying Fertilizer		\$ 12.00
Fertilizer		20.00
Pruning and Spraying with Insecticides and Fungicides		7.00
Picking 10 bushels of Plums (20)		2.00
Packages and Shipping		3.50
Interest		24.88
Investment		\$522.61
Income, \$25.00—Nett Earnings, 4 1/2 p. c.		
		\$73.61

4th Year—		
Cultivating, etc.		\$ 12.00
Fertilizer		20.00
Pruning, Spraying, etc.		8.00
Picking 20 bushels Plums		4.00
Packages and Shipping		7.00
		\$73.61
Income, \$30.00—Nett Earnings, 8 1/2 p. c.		
		\$83.61

5th Year—		
Cultivating, &c.		\$ 15.00
Fertilizer		20.00
Spraying, Pruning, etc.		8.00
Picking 30 bushels Plums		6.00
Picking 10 bushels Pears (10)		1.00
Picking 1 bushel Quinces (10)		1.00
Packages and Shipping of Plums, in baskets (20); bushels, Pears and Quinces (20); a bushel, in half bbl.		12.70
		\$73.61
Income, \$58.00—Nett Earnings, 13 1/2 p. c.		
		\$83.61

6th Year—		
Cultivating, &c.		\$ 15.00
Fertilizer		20.00
Spraying, Pruning, etc.		10.00
Picking 40 bushels Plums		12.00
" 15 " Pears		1.50
" 3 " Quinces		3.00
Packages and Shipping		24.00
		\$719.81
Income, \$181.50—Nett Earnings, 25 p. c.		
		\$83.61

7th Year—		
Cultivating, &c.		\$ 15.00
Fertilizer		20.00
Spraying, Pruning, etc.		15.00
Picking 100 bushels Plums		20.00
" 25 " Pears		2.50
" 8 " Quinces		8.00
Packages and Shipping		41.80
		\$830.71
Income, \$311.50—Nett Earnings, 37 p. c.		
		\$83.61

8th Year—		
Cultivating, &c.		\$ 15.00
Fertilizer		20.00
Spraying, Pruning, etc.		15.00
Picking 120 bushels Plums		24.00
" 12 " Pears		1.20
" 10 " Quinces		1.00
Packages and Shipping		20.00
		\$851.91
Income, \$390.00—Nett Earnings, 41 p. c.		
		\$83.61

9th Year—		
Cultivating, &c.		\$ 20.00
Spraying, Pruning, etc.		20.00
Fertilizing		20.00
Picking 150 bushels Plums		30.00
" 50 " Pears		5.00
" 20 " Quinces		2.00
" 10 bbls. Apples		2.00
Packages and Shipping Apples, 25c. per bbl.		62.00
		\$1121.91
Income, \$470.00—Nett Earnings, 62 p. c.		
		\$83.61

10 Year—		
Cultivating, &c.		\$ 20.00
Spraying, Pruning, etc.		20.00
Fertilizing		20.00
Picking 150 bushels Plums		30.00
" 50 " Pears		5.00
" 20 " Quinces		2.00
" 10 bbls. Apples		2.00
Packages and Shipping		62.00
		\$1121.91
Income, \$560.00—Nett Earnings, 65 p. c.		
		\$83.61

11 Year—		
Cultivating, &c.		\$ 20.00
Spraying, Pruning, etc.		20.00
Fertilizing		20.00
Picking 150 bushels Plums		30.00
" 50 " Pears		5.00
" 20 " Quinces		2.00
" 10 bbls. Apples		2.00
Packages and Shipping		62.00
		\$1121.91
Income, \$650.00—Nett Earnings, 65 p. c.		
		\$83.61

12 Year—		
Cultivating, &c.		\$ 20.00
Spraying, Pruning, etc.		20.00
Fertilizing		20.00
Picking 150 bushels Plums		30.00
" 50 " Pears		5.00
" 20 " Quinces		2.00
" 10 bbls. Apples		2.00
Packages and Shipping		62.00
		\$1121.91
Income, \$740.00—Nett Earnings, 65 p. c.		
		\$83.61

13 Year—		
Cultivating, &c.		\$ 20.00
Spraying, Pruning, etc.		20.00
Fertilizing		20.00
Picking 150 bushels Plums		30.00
" 50 " Pears		5.00
" 20 " Quinces		2.00
" 10 bbls. Apples		2.00
Packages and Shipping		62.00
		\$1121.91
Income, \$830.00—Nett Earnings, 65 p. c.		
		\$83.61

14 Year—		
Cultivating, &c.		\$ 20.00
Spraying, Pruning, etc.		20.00
Fertilizing		20.00
Picking 150 bushels Plums		30.00
" 50 " Pears		5.00
" 20 " Quinces		2.00
" 10 bbls. Apples		2.00
Packages and Shipping		62.00
		\$1121.91
Income, \$920.00—Nett Earnings, 65 p. c.		
		\$83.61

15 Year—		
Cultivating, &c.		\$ 20.00
Spraying, Pruning, etc.		20.00
Fertilizing		20.00
Picking 150 bushels Plums		30.00
" 50 " Pears		5.00
" 20 " Quinces		2.00
" 10 bbls. Apples		2.00
Packages and Shipping		62.00
		\$1121.91
Income, \$1010.00—Nett Earnings, 65 p. c.		
		\$83.61

16 Year—		
Cultivating, &c.		\$ 20.00
Spraying, Pruning, etc.		20.00
Fertilizing		20.00
Picking 150 bushels Plums		30.00
" 50 " Pears		5.00
" 20 " Quinces		2.00
" 10 bbls. Apples		2.00
Packages and Shipping		62.00
		\$1121.91
Income, \$1100.00—Nett Earnings, 65 p. c.		
		\$83.61

17 Year—		
Cultivating, &c.		\$ 20.00
Spraying, Pruning, etc.		20.00
Fertilizing		20.00
Picking 150 bushels Plums		30.00
" 50 " Pears		5.00
" 20 " Quinces		2.00
" 10 bbls. Apples		2.00
Packages and Shipping		62.00
		\$1121.91
Income, \$1190.00—Nett Earnings, 65 p. c.		
		\$83.61

18 Year—		
Cultivating, &c.		\$ 20.00
Spraying, Pruning, etc.		20.00
Fertilizing		20.00
Picking 150 bushels Plums		30.00
" 50 " Pears		5.00
" 20 " Quinces		2.00
" 10 bbls. Apples		2.00
Packages and Shipping		62.00
		\$1121.91
Income, \$1280.00—Nett Earnings, 65 p. c.		
		\$83.61

19 Year—		
Cultivating, &c.		\$ 20.00
Spraying, Pruning, etc.		20.00
Fertilizing		20.00
Picking 150 bushels Plums		30.00
" 50 " Pears		5.00
" 20 " Quinces		2.00
" 10 bbls. Apples		2.00
Packages and Shipping		62.00
		\$1121.91
Income, \$1370.00—Nett Earnings, 65 p. c.		
		\$83.61

20 Year—		
Cultivating, &c.		\$ 20.00
Spraying, Pruning, etc.		20.00
Fertilizing		20.00
Picking 150 bushels Plums		30.00
" 50 " Pears		5.00
" 20 " Quinces		2.00
" 10 bbls. Apples		2.00
Packages and Shipping		62.00
		\$1121.91
Income, \$1460.00—Nett Earnings, 65 p. c.		
		\$83.61

A Comet is Very Fitful.

Writing in the Daily Graphic, Sir Robert Ball says that in contemplating the possibility of a collision between the earth and a comet there is always one consolation. "Our earth has lasted a long time without any casualty from any such occurrence. When we consider what the materials of a comet actually are, then we can see that to speak of a 'collision' with such a body is altogether a misuse of language. The greater part of a comet is of the most flimsy description. A light cloud in a summer sky is a robust and solid object compared with the texture of a comet. The most convincing proof of this is presented to us when, as not infrequently happens, we observe stars through the actual material of a comet. We have thus sometimes seen extremely faint stars right through a curtain of cometary substance more than a hundred thousand miles in thickness. It is obvious that the sudden contact with a body of such a character as that thus indicated would be widely different from what would be generally described as a collision. Nor can it be doubted that on many occasions the earth has actually plunged into a comet, and emerged through it not only without an injury to the inhabitants, but even without their knowledge. There is excellent reason for the belief that in the mid-summer of 1861 the earth passed right through the tail of the great comet which appeared in the year named. But except that one or two observers saw, or thought they saw, a somewhat unusual obscurity in the evening of the day in question, there is no evidence that any effect was produced on the earth by the rencontre."

A Long-Lost Sixpence.

A somewhat curious incident, and one which perhaps will prove interesting to medical men, has just occurred in Liverpool. It appears that thirteen years ago Police-constable George Bookless put a sixpence into his mouth and accidentally swallowed it. Quite recently he, together with a fellow-constable, who is at present lodging with him, was sitting at his dinner, and whilst eating felt a choking sensation in the lower part of his throat. He immediately began to cough and spit blood, and eventually a hard metallic subject was ejected from his mouth. On examination it proved to be the sixpence which had found its home in Bookless's throat without his knowledge. It may be interesting to note that the sixpence when swallowed was brand new, but during the time it had been in the region of Mr. Bookless's vocal organs half of the coin had disappeared, and the remaining part is very thin and deeply corroded.—Tit Bits.

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