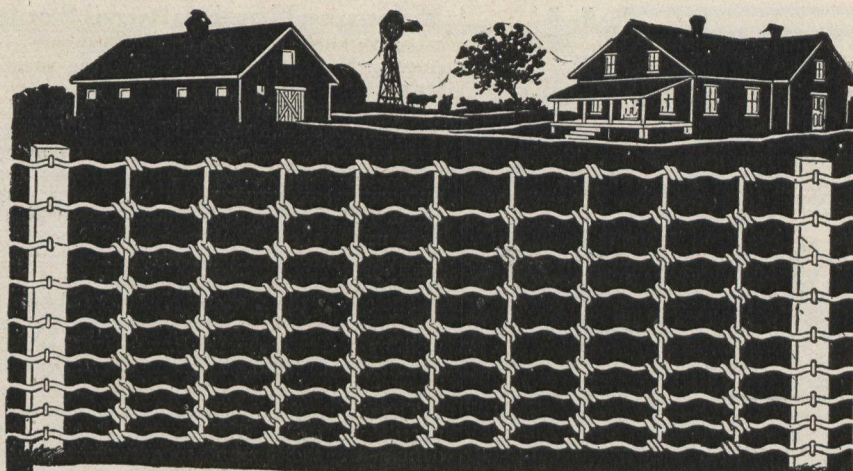


professor pointed out the many advantages that the district has in the matter of soil, climate, and so forth, and he recommended measures for overcoming the few difficulties that might be met with. He said that Kent and Essex lie 50 to 60 miles further south than the Niagara district. This meant an early start and, as a consequence, the early fruit would capture the high prices that prevail at the beginning of the season. The planting of shelter belts was recommended as protection against prevailing winds. To get the growers of the district interested in developing the industry rapidly, the professor suggested that a series of meetings be held throughout the two counties. He pledged the cooperation of the Provincial Government and said that a speaker would be furnished for meetings where 15 interested persons would assemble.

Mr. Cutting dealt specially with the kinds of fruits that could be grown with profit. With the other speakers, he recommended the planting of early apples in preference to late varieties. The early apple industry could be developed with perfect confidence, because in these two counties, an advantage of one to two weeks in point of time is had over any other part of the province, even if contiguous counties planted early apples, but as these counties are not likely to plant them, the competition would be with the northern parts of Ontario where early apples are planted because they are hardy; over such counties, Kent and Essex would have an advantage of from three to four weeks. The great market for early apples is the west and there are also excellent facilities and opportunities for shipping them to the British markets. Among the varieties that should be grown are Duchess, Red Astrachan, Wealthy, Gravenstein, Blenheim, Pippin, Alexander and so forth. Bartlett and Kieffer pears do well. Sour cherries can be grown with profit. There is an excellent opportunity for the production of early small fruits, particularly strawberries, if grown in quantities sufficiently large to ship in carload lots. Grapes also can be grown on favorable soils. The planting of peaches should be done cautiously. Although they had been grown successfully near the lake and injured severely by recent cold winters, there is still hope, if particular attention is given to lessening the chances for root-killing and to combatting the San Jose scale. In this connection it was pointed out that the Provincial Government intends conducting experiments in the growing of peach varieties on plum roots, which are harder than those of the peach. The growth of the vegetable industry of the counties was referred to and it was pointed out that canning factories should be established at Chatham and other points. Mr. Cutting recommended the organization of a horticultural society in Chatham.

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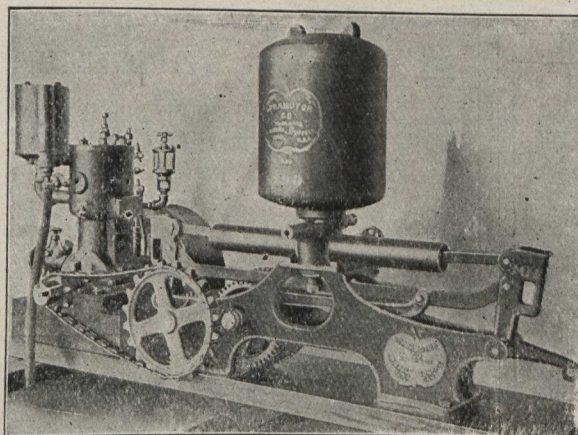
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