

# Opportunities in Ontario

## Agriculture

**APPLES.** According to the Dominion census of 1911, there were in Ontario 7,766,257 apple trees, with a total production of 6,305,462 bushels of fruit. The Ontario Bureau of Industries report, in 1906, gave the total trees as 10,201,766, and the production as 5,074,9 bushels. The average for the ten years from 1900 to 1905 was 34,685,101 bushels. At the lowest price for merchantable apples on the trees, this represents a yearly value of \$8,671,275. The province produces 60% of the total crop of apples in Canada. The bulk of the crop is sold within the province. During the past ten years Ontario exported more apples to Great Britain than any other province or state on the continent. The average selling price to the consumer is about \$1.25 per bushel. This means a gross return to the province from the export trade alone of \$5,000,000. Where the growers have united to form co-operative shipping associations, the returns to them have been much higher than under the old system of selling in the orchard. For instance, the Norfolk Fruit Growers' Association in 1909 sold over 19,000 barrels at an average price of \$3.00 per barrel, f.o.b. shipping station. At the same time prices to the consumer have not increased, while they have received a better quality of fruit. See under Fruit Growing.

**BARLEY.** Formerly grown for malting, now grown for feeding. Area increased from 438,784 acres in 1898 to 616,977 acres in 1911. Yield about 26 bush. per acre.

**BEANS.** Bean growing on a commercial scale is at present confined to Kent and Elgin Counties. Annual crop about 900,000 bushels, valued at from \$1.60 per bush. up, according to variety and quality. The bulk is marketed at home, surplus in Great Britain, France and West Indies.

**BEEKEEPING.** The Dominion census of 1901 gives the province a total of 116,403 colonies, but the Ontario Government reports for 1910 give 100,000 colonies. Over 50% are wintered in the cellar, and the rest, with few exceptions, are wintered out of doors, protected. To