

to 10 cents a quart, and the farmers are reaping a large return from this fruit. Now we come to the question of vegetable growing, and I will just touch on that briefly.

We find in Carleton County, New Brunswick, a large canning establishment. Sweet corn, beans, peas and other varieties of vegetables are canned for market. We find that the produce of the Pure Food Canning Company will bring 20 per cent higher prices than the product from Ontario. The quality is the first consideration with a canning factory. They want the best varieties of these vegetables for canning, and they will not take any other. The St. John River Valley is pre-eminently a horticultural valley. I was through that valley last year, on the 20th June, and in the Grand Narrows, up on the Grand Lake, I picked strawberries that were ripe. These strawberries were well developed, splendid fruit, and of excellent quality. I also found excellent tomatoes, half formed, some as big as a hen's egg. Those are placed on the St. John market in the first week in August. Some of the farmers grow 3 and 4 acres every year and ship them to the United States market. One farmer had 27 acres of garden truck. I would urge upon the farmers of the Maritime Provinces to grow at least sufficient vegetables to supply his own demand. A great many think there is too much detail work in connection with growing fruit. A gentleman came to me at a meeting, and said that he had an idea in his head to start a small fruit plantation, but said he did not know how to go about it. Now if I had explained to him the hill system, the row system, the matted system, light soil, heavy soil, the different kinds of fruits, and deluged him with ideas, he would have turned away. In a case of that kind, tell a person he can grow strawberries—take the Wilson variety—that it will grow on any soil, in almost any section of our Province—and start in with 100 plants; prepare your land as you would for potatoes; manure it heavily; lay out rows 3 feet apart, and plant them as cabbages; give them good cultivation, pull out the weeds by hand when you cannot get them out with a hoe, keep the weeds down, and nature will do the rest. Any one with instructions like these could easily go to work and be a successful fruit grower.