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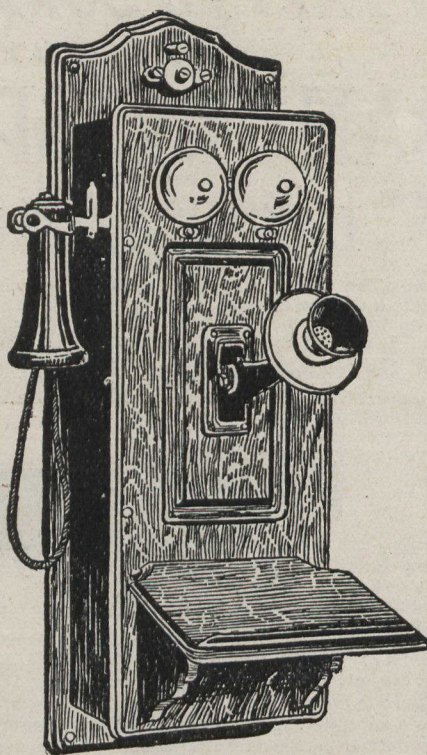
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Fruit in Kent and Essex*

In the district between Chatham and Windsor, on the line of the C.P.R., there is a large area of land that could be used profitably for the culture of fruit. The splendid possibilities of that section for fruit growing were pointed out at a meeting of the Board of Trade in Chatham, Ont., on Jan. 16, by Mr. James Osborne, General Superintendent of the C.P.R. for Ontario; Prof. H. L. Hutt of the O. A. C., Guelph, and Mr. A. B. Cutting of THE CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST. The kernel of the addresses brought out the fact that Kent and Essex counties should plant extensively of early fruits and vegetables. Climatic conditions, particularly the fact that the district is from 10 days to three weeks earlier in season than the other fruit sections of the province, warrant the assertion that Kent and Essex should plant with a view to capturing the market for early fruits.

Mr. Osborne spoke on the fruit growing possibilities of the district and on other topics of local and general interest. He pointed out that Chatham is exceptionally well situated as a fruit-growing centre. It has transportation facilities that can scarcely be improved upon. There are six railroads, one electric road and a waterway. Mr. Osborne was of the opinion that the members of the Board of Trade should stir up enthusiasm in the district. He referred, also, glowingly to the many industries in the city of Chatham, and to the natural resources of the surrounding country. All this went to show, he stated, that Chatham promises to be a large city. Mr. Osborne suggested the organization of a "100,000 Club." The tobacco and bean industries were mentioned and the great wealth that the district has in oil. Mr. Osborne promised the hearty cooperation of the C.P.R. in the development of the city and, in particular, of the fruit-growing industry of the county.

In the address delivered by Professor Hutt, he stated that there is no reason why Kent and Essex cannot do what the Niagara district is doing in the matter of growing fruit. With the excellent shipping facilities available, there would be no trouble in finding a market for all the fruit that could be grown. To make the industry pay it must be gone into with earnestness and not treated merely as a side line. The



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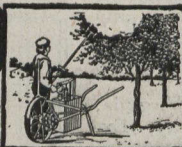
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