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## Apples in Halton County

R. J. Hare, Milton, Ont.

From time to time writers in THE CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST refer to the apple producing features of the different parts of the province, but not much has been said about Halton county. Great possibilities are lying dormant in that county. A large percentage of the farms contains land that is well adapted for growing winter apples. Much of the soil is mixed with limestone, which is excellent for apple trees. Most of the farms are well drained, although there are some small sections of the county that are flat and heavy.

The mountains that run through the centre of the county make excellent shelter from the west. Close to these mountains lie farms that would grow apples to perfection. Many of

them are paying the farmers large profits. There are a few men who are making more money from 10 to 12 acres of apple orchards than they would make from 100 acres devoted to grain and stock. There should be more large orchards in the county.

The farmers should cooperate in the selling of their apples. Some of them to-day receive only \$1 a barrel for choice winter varieties, when they should get \$2 to \$2.50 in the orchard.

There is some stony land that should be planted with apple trees. This land gives no return to the owners, but will grow apples fairly well. The northern portion of Nelson township, and the southern end of Nassagaweya, contain land of this type, and might be planted with apple orchards profitably. The apple business in Halton county should be not only a side line, but a leading industry.

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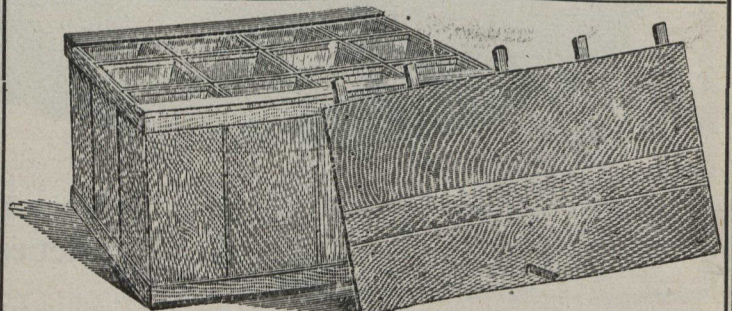
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