

VICTORIA SQUARE

There was a large crowd at Mrs. M. E. Jennings' Sale on Thursday, 28th. The articles for sale sold at good prices. Mrs. Jennings has rented her cottage to Mr. Lorne Cross of Toronto. On Monday Mrs. Jennings and family moved to Toronto where they will reside. The good wishes of all their friends and neighbours go with them. They will be missed from this community where they have been helpful in church and social circles.

The Yonge people gathered in the Public Hall on Thursday evening, 28, to spend a social time. There was a good programme of games, etc. An excellent lunch was provided and all present enjoyed themselves. The event was in honor of the Misses Jennings who are moving to Toronto.

Quarterly Review on Sunday was of the best and those taking part are to be congratulated on its success.

Mr. R. Carson has moved to King and his place will be taken by Mr. Smith and family of Milliken.

Mr. M. D. Brown is home from Montreal.

Dr. C. Colford and Miss Annie Colford of Toronto spent the Eastertide at home.

Mr. Jack McCague was home from the O. A. C. Guelph for Easter.

Mr. James Lundy, one of our oldest residents is ill. Mr. Isaac Brunwell is also under the Dr's care. We hope both will be restored to health.

Out of control an aeroplane crashed down into the phone line on the farm of Mrs. H. M. Perkins, breaking a pole and injuring the plane. Telephone connection was broken off for a time, but the plane was removed and the line repaired, so all is O. K. again.

St. Mary's Church

On Sunday, April 7th, the Rev. A. J. Vale, of the McKenzie River diocese will preach in St. Mary's Church at the 11 a. m. Service, and on Monday evening he will give a Lantern lecture in the church at the hour of 8 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

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Most Profitable Near Cities When Market Is Convenient.

LABOR IS THE BIG PROBLEM

No Province or State in North America Has So Large an Area Suitable for Apple Growing as Has Ontario.

(Contributed by Ontario Department of Agriculture, Toronto.)

THIS QUESTION will be discussed under four heads: Climate, Soil, Labor and Transportation.

The Factor of Climate.

So far as climate is concerned apples can be grown commercially in any part of old Ontario, south of a line drawn from Parry Sound to Ottawa; in fact, there are commercial orchards producing fruit at a profit considerably further north than this. Many people think of commercial apple orchards as being necessarily confined to the milder parts of the province, and to the lake districts, but the fact is worth emphasizing that we have varieties of apples suitable for commercial culture in every county of old Ontario. The winter hardness of the many varieties grown throughout Ontario is now very well established, and it is possible to select varieties which will be hardy for any district.

The most serious climatic difficulty in the Province of Ontario is the occurrence of late frost in spring, and early frost in fall. Other difficulties of a climatic nature can be largely overcome by the selection of suitable varieties, or by careful discrimination with regard to soil, elevation, aspect, etc. It may be pointed out, however, that frosts are more common and more severe over large areas of flat country, than where the topography is rolling and hilly. Large areas of some of the southern counties of Ontario are, therefore, more or less unsuited to commercial apple orcharding because of their flat character. A more rolling country is much to be preferred, so that orchards can be made safer from frost by the better air drainage afforded.

The choice of varieties for various districts will be made the subject of later notes.

Suitable Soil in Every County.

So far as soils are concerned, it may be stated that there is an abundance of land in every county suitable for apple growing. Well drained land is essential for successful orcharding, and there is plenty of soil of this type to be had in almost every district.

Summing up Soil and Climate, it may be said that no province or state in North America has so large an area so favorable in soil and climate for apple growing as has the Province of Ontario. If this statement is true it becomes obvious that the present distribution of apple orchards in Ontario is dependent on other factors.

Most Profitable Near Cities.

Transportation is the most important factor having to do with the distribution of commercial apple orchards in Ontario. In other words, the commercial apple orchards are located within reach of transportation facilities, and the better facilities have been with relation to large cities and to the developing markets of the prairies, the more rapid has been the development of commercial orcharding. A location near a large city may be desirable, but if better soil and climate are to be found at a distance, the more distant location is likely to be preferred, provided transportation facilities are good.

Some districts in Ontario possess excellent conditions of soil and climate, but are lacking in transportation facilities, and until facilities are available little development can take place in commercial orcharding.

Labor Situation Very Acute.

At the present time the labor situation is acute, and is rendered more so from the standpoint of the apple grower by virtue of the emphasis which, very correctly, is being placed upon the production of exportable food stuffs. The labor shortage will result in the majority of small orchards being more or less neglected. But the large commercial grower of apples has been in difficulty for years over the matter of labor supply. For commercial orchard operations on a sizable basis, it is necessary to be within reach of a temporary supply of labor for apple picking. Otherwise it becomes necessary to build dwellings for men and their families so that a supply of labor may be always available.

The difficulties of the labor situation at picking time can be lessened considerably by the planting of varieties which ripen in succession, and by taking care to get the right proportion of each. A large area of one variety ripening at one time is extremely difficult to handle. — Prof. J. W. Crow, Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph.

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The Forehanded Beekeeper.

In March the careful beekeeper will find a great deal to do in the way of preparing next season's supplies. All used appliances should be put in the best of shape and necessary new ones secured and prepared before the busy spring season arrives. New supplies necessary should be ordered at once. The beekeeper's supers are his barns, his bees are his harvesters, and given barn-room they will harvest his crop with less risk of weather injury than farmers expect in almost any other crop. Without sufficient barn-room a percentage of the crop will be lost. Containers sufficient for the large crop that may be expected next season should also be ordered at this time. This applies particularly to present war-time conditions when supplies of material are uncertain.

MAPLE

The Methodist church was well filled on Sunday evening when the annual meeting of the W. M. S. was held. Addresses were given by Rev. S. R. Robinson and Rev. T. W. Leggett, and appropriate Easter selections were rendered by the choir. The collection amounted to \$50.

On Thursday of last week, the pupils of the junior classes of the public school gave an entertainment of singing and recitations. Addresses were given by the resident ministers and Mrs. Showalter sang a couple of solos. Quite a number of visitors were present.

Nursing Sister Ella Knight of the Base Hospital visited from Saturday till Tuesday with her sister Mrs. (Rev) T. W. Leggett at the Parsonage.

Miss Laura Oliver has gone to Toronto to take a course in training in the General Hospital.

Serg't. C. W. Manning and his bride were at his fathers', Mr. J. Manning's over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Kinnee of Morrisburg spent the week-end at Mr. W. Kinnee's.

Mr. Thomas G. Harper, formerly of the staff of the Standard Bank here, does the khaki this week. He spent over Sunday with friends here.

The box social given by the St. Andrew's branch of the Red Cross on Monday night was very successful. A short programme was given and \$75 realized by the sale of boxes. Rev. S. R. Robinson was chairman and Mr. J. T. Saigeon acted as auctioneer.

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