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**BLUEBERRY TO BE
CULTIVATED IN U. P.**

St. Ignace, Mar. 23.—Twelve prominent business men of upper Michigan have signified their intention of experimenting with blueberry culture during the coming summer. They have purchased tracts of so-called "pine-barrens"—recognized as the best blueberry land, and are making preparations for the first burning-over of these fields during early spring, before the frost has left the ground.

The interest shown in this activity is the result of action being taken by other middlewestern communities to capitalize blueberry lands. It is a recognized fact that the state of Maine possessing thousands of acres of such lands, has for years, monopolized the blueberry industry.

A recent investigation of the situation in Maine, with a subsequent report to the effect that upper Michigan is typically a blueberry country as compared with conditions in Maine, prompted the decision to begin preparations for the building up of a similar industry in this district.

