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TEATOR'S BLUE RIBBON APPLES

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Mr. G. Gordon Mead
97 Mahan Ave
Greenwich, Ct.

Dear Mr. Mead:

I met Mr. Boice at Troncy a short time ago. He expressed himself as anxious to sell - asked if I had heard from you - extolled the merits of his farm, etc. I told him that I did not think you would consider the place at the price he gave you, to which proposition he did not have much to say - But he said - "Tell them to come, that I will sell, and I would like to have some get the farm who will develop it".

Yesterday - in my absence - he called at our place, told Mrs Teator he would like to have you come and see him - that "it is getting time for me to know - that if I do not sell I can go on with preparations for the year" "I want to sell." He also said - as he had told me previously - "There is a party from New York who is considering the farm - wanted to come to look at it before the snow storm (that is about the time you were here) - but I do not think he has had any later communication with the New York party. I do not know what price he has given you

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or how high he holds the place, If you can induce him to part with it for ~~reasonable~~ price within reason - and if you like the place sufficiently well, it looks to me that you can plan out a fine orchard, and the location is very desirable. For the rest - rather a large percentage of low ground - not worth as much in my estimation as orchard land - or upland if you will. That - low ground can become a big timothy field - at some preliminary cost - or it will support a considerable dairy - just as ~~you~~ one would choose - it will require work and study and cost either way. Enough of each to keep a pretty good man busy.

I do not know what I ought to say. While I should like exceedingly to have you start your life's work here near us - as did Mr. Bonnot I would not be the one to lead you into any disappointment. If the place suits you, and you can find it in your future, and you can buy it at a price that is not extravagant, it may be well.

Red Hook for fine apples.

Yours truly

W. S. Teator