



N relationship to agriculture the Columbia River Valley of the Far West stands in the same position relatively as the Red River of the North does to the Middle West, the Niagara Valley to the Middle East and the Annapolis Valley to the Atlantic Seaboard. Since its discovery in the Nineteenth Century, it has been becoming yearly more widely known, and more thought of for the opportunities it offers for diversified agriculture, for its climate, its beautiful scenery, its commercial advantages on the seaboard, for its latent possibilities; and above all, of late years, for the peculiar value of its soil and climate which makes the producing of fine fruit possible.



AUTOMOBILING TO WILMER

Here is a party riding comfortably along the splendid auto roads in one of the Company's touring cars on their way to visit the lands in the Windermere District.

The great cities which this river has near its mouth speak potentially of it as an artery for ocean trade, the rich fruit lands along its banks prove the value of its soil, and higher up the stream numerous saw-mills and mining propositions exhibit possibilities in an industrial line.

Fortunately for the landseeker of to-day, one of the richest districts along this great river has until of late, remained undeveloped owing to the fact that transportation facilities were not of the best. We deal in a later section with the changes that have occurred in this respect, which now makes it possible to place upon the market the fruit lands of this Happy Valley of Southern British Columbia, consisting of the Windermere and Wilmer districts. This valley, known as the Columbia River Valley or Windemere Valley lies between the two great western systems of the Canadian Pacific Railway, the main line on the north, and the Crows Nest Pass branch to the south, and has on the east the Rocky Mountains, and on the west the rugged Selkirks. This is the last, and undoubtedly the richest undeveloped part of this river's wonderful valley. It is just now about to come