

We trust that Kelowna growers who may recognize their methods here described will not consider the above as a criticism but merely as a discussion. We fully recognize the superior quality of Okanagan improved tobacco, and we would like to see this quality still improved by better methods of culture, and the profits of the British Columbia grower increased thereby. - No one will deny that there is still room for improvement.

All that has been said applies equally to all parts of British Columbia where irrigation is practised.

In some valleys, irrigation is not practised, although the rainfall is light. Tobacco grown under such conditions is what might be called 'dry soil tobacco.'

In those districts it will be necessary to till the land thoroughly in the fall and in the spring so as to store as much moisture as possible. The growing of Cuban only should be attempted; Brazilian varieties might perhaps be tried; but, in any case, no large tobacco may be expected.

The maritime parts of the province, where rainfall is abundant, and whose climate may be considered as moist, have much more of the character of a tropical region. The Cuban tried at Agassiz yielded very large leaves, fine and silky. The aroma has not been definitely ascertained, but the experiment may be resumed so as to obtain information on this point.

In this warm and damp region, the grower's fancy may have free course in the choice of varieties. He should not forget, however, that it is better to limit the number of the latter, so as not to overstock the market with rather small quantities of products without neatly defined characteristics.

Tobacco for "fillers" must be light and aromatic, and such qualities we must have, even at the expense of a decrease in weight.

Leaves for "binders" or "wrappers" must be fine, elastic, of sufficient size, and of good shape, without coarse ribs, and with a neutral aroma. Which of these types is best adapted to the climatic and soil conditions of those districts of British Columbia where tobacco-growing is likely to be established remains to be ascertained by proper experiments.