

# OPPORTUNITIES

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## BRITISH COLUMBIA

### Agriculture

**APPLES.** By using up-to-date methods good commercial returns can be made from apple growing on suitable ground in well-proved districts. The province won the gold medal of the Royal Agricultural Society at the Annual Colonial Horticultural Show five years in succession from 1905 to 1909. In 1910, British Columbia was awarded the Hogg Memorial Gold Medal by the Royal Horticultural Association of London, England. This is the first time this signal honor has been conferred. Many other gold and silver medals have been won at leading centres in Great Britain. In the case of unirrigated land the cost of an apple orchard and its maintenance would be approximately: 20 acres at \$250 per acre, \$5,000; fencing, \$250; preparing land (ploughing and harrowing), \$150; trees (yearlings), 80 per acre at 20c. each, \$320; setting out trees, 1,600 at 8c. each, \$128. Total, \$5,848. Cost of maintenance for 5 years: Cultivating, pruning, spraying, etc., \$30 per acre, per year, \$3,000; making the total cost of the orchard at the end of the 5th year, when it should be beginning to give commercial returns, \$8,848. Markets—local, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Great Britain, New Zealand, Australia. Write to Department of Agriculture, Victoria, for Bulletin No. 20, giving varieties of fruit recommended.

**BEEKEEPING.** Conditions are favorable, especially in the fruit-growing districts. Honey sells for 25c. per pound. 425,151 pounds imported in 1911.

**CATTLE.** The interior plateaus are peculiarly adapted to cattle raising. Practically all the beef raised is grown under the range conditions. In the Fraser Valley the