production of fruit of all kinds was something over 3,000 carloads, a large proportion being marketed in the Prairie Provinces, and considerable quantities of apples being exported to Australia, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, and even to South Africa, South America, Hong Kong, and other foreign markets.

The fruit industry of British Columbia is largely located in the lake and river districts and, as the climate is moderate and healthful, settlers have been attracted from many dis-

would indicate that this will continue for many years. Therefore, we may reasonably expect that in ten years' time British Columbia will be one of the largest, if not the largest fruit producing district in Canada.

In the Gordon Head district, which is a few miles from Victoria, large areas are devoted to the production of strawberries, and I think it is casting no reflection on any other part of Canada to say that so far as my experience goes, their methods of production, the quality of their fruit

A British Columbia Orchard

tant points. The Okanagan Lake district has of recent years been planted largely to fruit, and it is surprising to see the extent of the orchards and the fine care and attention they are given. The orchards are still young, the average age being probably seven or eight years, but already their apples are making themselves felt commercially in the Prairie Provinces and even on our Eastern markets. There has been an average yearly increase in tonnage during the last few years of about 25 per cent., and conditions

and the grade of their pack, surpass anything in Canada or that we have seen from the United States. Creston, in the Kootenay district, also produces fine strawberries and raspberries, as well as Mission and Hatzic in the Fraser Valley district. The carload shipments of strawberries from these points have attracted a great deal of admiration and have met with a good demand on the Prairie markets.

In the Kootenay Lakes district are many large orchards and fruit ranches of various kinds, but the same progress