

COMOX VALLEY

INSTITUTIONS

The Presyterian, Church of England and Roman Catholic denominations have places of worship in Courtenay. The fraternal societies are represented by the Masons, Orangemen and Woodmen of the World. There are good schools throughout the district. The Royal Bank of Canada and the Canadian Bank of Commerce have branches in the town.

There is a rural mail delivery, and good telephone service through the valley in connection with Vancouver and Victoria.

SPORT

The man who enjoys shooting and fishing can find a greater variety of sport in British Columbia than in any other part of the world.

Fishing for the Tye salmon begins in June, and until the end of September anglers from all parts of the world may be found along the coast of Vancouver Island. Last year the record fish caught in Comox Bay with rod and line weighed 68 pounds; twelve fish weighing nearly five hundred pounds were caught by the same angler at one tide. During the greater part of the year the fresh fish trade of Vancouver and Victoria is supplied with Spring and Coho salmon, which are caught by the Indians with hook and line. The Courtenay River affords excellent trout fishing. Steelhead trout run as high as 25 pounds in weight, Cut-throat trout from $\frac{3}{4}$ pound to 2 pounds. Ducks, geese, brant, wild pigeons and two varieties of grouse supply a variety of wing shooting. Deer are plentiful. Bear and cougar are hunted with dogs. One man has shot nine cougar in one week in the foothills. Seal are plentiful on the small islands.

IMPORTS

To illustrate the fact that there is no danger of overstocking the local market, we give the following table of farm products imported into British Columbia in an average year:

Butter	\$ 969,908
Condensed milk and cream	383,700