

**Quality the Best
and trees free
from pests**

The quality of the fruit in the Kootenay, especially of the apples and strawberries, has earned for the district almost world wide renown. Within a very short time the "Kootenay Strawberry" will be in great demand as a distinct berry in Manitoba and the North West Provinces. The government in British Columbia, realizing the natural advantages of fruit raising in the province, are taking the most stringent measures to maintain the high standard that the province has already obtained. The orchards in the Kootenay are free from fruit pests, being inspected yearly by commissioned government inspectors, who are authorized to destroy infected trees and to order remedies applied where necessary. All fruit and nursery stock that is in any way infected is denied admittance to the Province.

The Gold Medal

No better proof of the quality of the fruit raised in this district could be produced than the fact that this district took the Gold Medal at London, England, in December, 1905. We reproduce a copy of this medal on the first page of this book.

Large Returns

Every variety of fruit and berry which has been tried in this district thrives. Some exceptional results have been obtained, which we mention simply to show what may be done in the disirict. One Peach tree, for example, produced twenty-three crates of marketable fruit, which sold for \$40.25, and one strawberry patch, containing an acre and five-eighths, produced 498 crates of first class berries which, at \$2.25 per crate, means about \$690 per acre.