

B. C. FRUIT AND FARM

| | | Net to Grower | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------|------------------|------------|--------------|
| 615 Full pint Raspb'r's. | \$3.00 | \$2.17 | \$1,845.00 | |
| 58 2-5 pint Raspb'r's. | 2.50 | 1.73 | 145.00 | |
| 4 Red Cur'ts | 1.75 | 1.04 | 7.00 | |
| 3 Cherries . | 1.75 | 1.04 | 5.25 | |
| 11 Logan-Berries .. | 1.75 | 1.04 | 19.25 | |
| | | | | \$2,021.50 |
| Less express charges | \$440.00 | | | |
| 7½ p.c. commission | 151.50 | | \$ 591.60 | |
| | | | | \$1,429.90 |
| Switch'g charges to Hatzic | | 5.00 | | |
| Icing charge Calgary (Not to hand). | | | | |
| 68 Black Currants . | \$1.75 | \$1.04 | \$ 119.00 | |
| Less 7½ p.c. comission | | | 8.93 | |
| | | | | \$ 110.07 |
| | | | | \$1,429.90 |
| Total for car | | | | \$1,539.97 |
| Lowest car, July 10, 1915. | | | | 280,718 lbs. |
| Sold to Edmonton. | | | | |
| | | Net to Grower | | |
| 460 Crates pts. | \$2.40 | \$1.39 | \$1,104.00 | |
| 14 crates small | \$2.00 | \$2.00 | 28.00 | |
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| 2 Crates Loganberries | 2.40 | 2.40 | 4.80 | |
| Sold in Calgary. | | | | |
| 150 Crates ... | 1.90 | | 285.00 | |
| | | | | \$1,421.80 |
| Less express charges | \$445.00 | | | |
| Less brokerage.. | 106.63 | | \$ 551.63 | |
| | | | | \$ 870.17 |

The cause of above low returns was the heavy express charges for a small car.

MISSION, B. C., AND DISTRICT

Situated in the Fraser on the main line of the C. P. R., forty-two miles from Vancouver, lies the pretty little city of Mission, which has a population of about 1,500 in the townsite and 2,500 in the municipality.

Mission City is most fortunate in possessing so many advantages in the way of transportation, for not only is it on the main line of the C. P. R., but is also the junction of this railway's southern branch into the State of Washington.

Standing as it does on the banks of the mighty Fraser River, Mission has the advantages of river navigation by steamers capable of carry-

ing considerable cargoes, which lends an important factor in the possibilities of the town, which location is at the meeting point of the United States branch of the C. P. R. with that company's transcontinental line.

The abundant water supply makes Mission an ideal spot for electrical operations; hence we find the Western Canada Power Co., as well as the Mission Light & Power Co., with their dams and power plants in this district. The Empress Manufacturing Company operate a pulping station here, while the Kootenay Jam Co., now under control of the King Beach Jam Company, have their factory in Mission.

Besides these many advantages, Mission is backed by a country unsurpassed in the Province of British Columbia—or we might truthfully say in the Dominion of Canada—for the growing of small fruits. Three miles from Mission is the pretty village of Hatzic, celebrated for its small fruits, the king of which may be said to be the Raspberry which is the most popular with the growers because of its immense yield and huge profits obtained from careful cultivation.

In this district, perhaps more than any other in the province, the Fruit Growers may be said to go in for intensive cultivation, for their farms run from one-half to twenty-five acres, the largest being in the neighborhood of thirty acres. One will readily say that it is an impossibility to make a living off four or five acres, but I met several farmers making good livings on four and five acres of raspberries, which will probably be more easily realized when you are told that at a conservative valuation, five hundred crates of berries can be grown to the acre, and sold at from \$2.50 to \$3.00 per crate, less the commission to the agent.

Asked where they found their markets, the fruit growers of Mission and Hatzic replied that they could better afford to ship their products to Calgary and Edmonton, rather than to Vancouver which they consider the dumping ground for the California fruit. They had no hesitation in stating that they felt that the wholesaler got all the profit, and even then were inclined to discriminate against them. They consider the Vancouver market would be all right when we are able to bring the producer and consumer together, and eliminate the commission man.

The firms in Calgary and Edmonton which handle the most of the Mission and Hatzic fruits are the

Vernon Fruit Company, Calgary, and the Mutual Growers.

The growers in this district are most fortunate in having the jam factory, for when the fruits become too perishable, owing to the over-ripeness, or exposure to heavy rain, they can cart them into the factory where they receive a fair price, while the jam company can put this fruit to good use for pulp.

Other fruit grown with great success in this district is the Loganberry, Blackberry, and the Strawberry.

One is struck with the pretty up-to-date homes of these fruit growers perhaps more than with anything else, they having all the modern conveniences of the city house, such as the telephone, electric light, and plumbing, while some of the more elaborate are steam heated.

Passing through Hatzic three miles further east you come into Dewdney district, which is celebrated for its dairy lands, and all along the valley to Nicomen Island, six miles east of Dewdney, will be found rich alluvial soil without a stone to be found in it. It is a wide fertile plain with a soil, one acre of which is known to be capable of producing one hundred tons of Mangel Wurtzels, and of producing from three to five tons of hay.

Mixed farming is also very profitable. Matsui on the south bank of the Fraser, just across the river from Mission, has some of the richest lands in the province for mixed farming, possessing the necessary ingredients which have made it possible therefrom to produce crops in variety and profusion, and unexcelled by anything in the world.

Taking all these advantages into consideration, together with the fact that they are not confined merely to Mission or said district, but to the entire land this side of the Rockies, as well as Vancouver Island, one may begin to realize the great wealth the future has in store for British Columbia. We have got to wake up to the great possibilities of the fertile soil right at our own door, and there is no reason why we should import foreign fruits if the B. C. farmer gets a fair deal.

Splendid land can be obtained in these districts at from \$200 to \$500 per acre, that at \$200 being uncleared, while the higher priced land is under a high state of cultivation and this is not too high a price considering the productiveness of the soil and the many advantages to be obtained in the transportation, available markets, and splendid home conditions.