

Columbia will be abolished, when the provincial income will be easily derived by royalties or direct taxes on the province's vast timber holdings, the annual revenue from which shows a large increase.

Fruits and other Crops

Some Easterners have claimed that the apples of many of the Western orchards, while splendid in appearance, lack the juice and flavor of the Eastern fruit. While the commercial development of the apple orchard is just commencing in our valley, still the numerous small orchards existing have established definitely and indisputably that the Windermere District trees produce heavy yields of apples *that are not excelled* on this continent in juice, flavor and appearance—and Eastern critics visiting our lands have admitted without exception that here at least could be found the combination of appearance and quality that Western apples often lack. The same can be said of the valley's strawberries. One grower made during the season of 1910 a net profit exceeding \$500 an acre on berries, and Calgary customers declared these berries to be the best in flavor, the heaviest in juice of any berry on the market. Owing to their superior quality our valley fruit will, with careful packing, undoubtedly bring a fancy price on the prairie markets.



A CULTIVATED VALLEY FARM

Here we see what might be termed an ideal farming proposition. It is representative of some of the older farm holdings which lie in the vicinity of the Windermere District.

Among the successful fodder crops which have been produced under primitive methods of irrigation for many years in this Happy Valley may be mentioned the growing of timothy and red clover hay, of which two most bountiful crops may be cut annually. Experiments with alfalfa have also proven that this valuable fodder can be easily grown here. Vegetables in the root form grow luxuriantly, consisting principally of potatoes, beets, onions, carrots and parsnips. Among the vegetables which grow above ground may be found cabbages, cauliflower, vegetable marrow,