
GLORIOUS KOOTENAY

to the English markets, where their appearance and quality have attracted much attention. It is safer to look forward to the time when it will be necessary to export a large part of the crop. Combination and business arrangements though, should more than meet the lower prices that may have to be contended with in a competitive market.

A conservative estimate of the result of a well-cared-for orchard, is as follows: For the first year of yielding, on say five-year-old trees, an average of one box per tree may be expected. This yield should increase for at least the next five years by one box per tree per annum, and thence according to the tree. Mr. R. C. Brock, late secretary of the Kootenay Fruit Growers' Association, and a gentleman of great experience in the fruit growing district of Hood River, Oregon, says :

"Strawberry growing, I am convinced, when intelligently carried on, will continue to be a safe and highly profitable invest-



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