

Hood River Valley. The report indicates that this will be a record year in the fruit production of the province, although a frost in January had a disastrous effect on a number of orchards as a result of which apples may be a somewhat short crop.

The provincial government is distributing bulletin No. 26. This is an elaborate publication printed on high grade paper and profusely illustrated. It gives an excellent idea of the fruit prospects of this province, as well as of openings in other lines of trade. It is a credit to the Department of Agriculture, and should assist greatly in attracting immigration and capital to this province.

The Board of Directors of the British Columbia Fruit Growers' Association held a meeting at Kamloops on June 3rd to consider the proposed reciprocity agreement. A resolution was unanimously carried stating that it was the opinion of the directors that the agreement, if carried, would have a detrimental effect on the fruit industry,

and, therefore, that it should be opposed.

A new industry is being established near Nelson where Mr. T. M. McFarland, a recent arrival from Mexico, proposes to go in extensively for raising tropical flowers, particularly orchids, of which he is importing some 3,000.

The nurseries of the province have been completely drained of good varieties this season through the great demand. One good result is that no old stock remains, with the minimum liability to pests. A disadvantage of this condition is that the nurserymen are tempted to dispose of undersized trees. The system of the ranchers of a locality pooling their orders and sending one man to select the stock is increasing in favor.

A remarkable proof of the interest which large and small investors at the coast are taking in Kootenay fruit lands is shown by over fifty recent sales to prospective ranchers in Vancouver, Victoria, Seattle, Tacoma, and Portland.

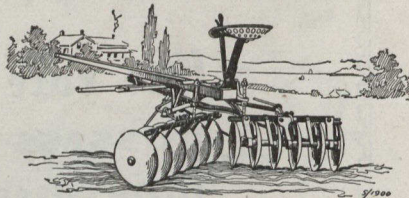
Herr Otto Becker of Hamburg has purchased a block of land near Wardner where he will start an ostrich farm.

Two years ago the British Columbia Fruit Growers' Association did not have any local associations affiliated with it. One year ago there were four affiliated associations. Today the following marketing bodies are affiliated: Creston Fruit and Produce exchange, Kootenay Fruit Growers' union, Okanagan Fruit Growers' union, Kelowna Farmers' exchange, Salmon Arm Farmers' exchange, Hatzic Fruit Growers' association, Hammond Fruit association, Victoria Fruit Growers' exchange. In addition to these marketing associations there are also affiliated the Armstrong Fruit Growers' association, Summerland Fruit Growers' association, and Queens Bay Fruit Growers' association, which are not yet shipping associations.

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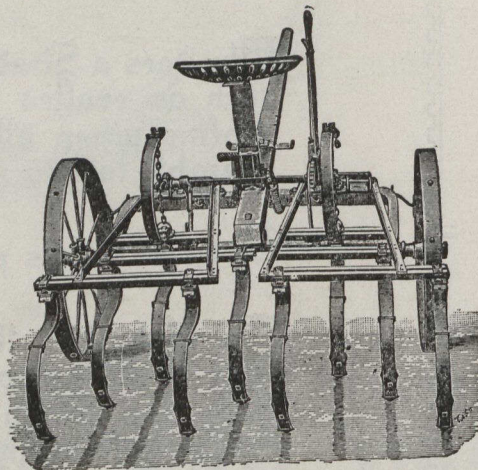
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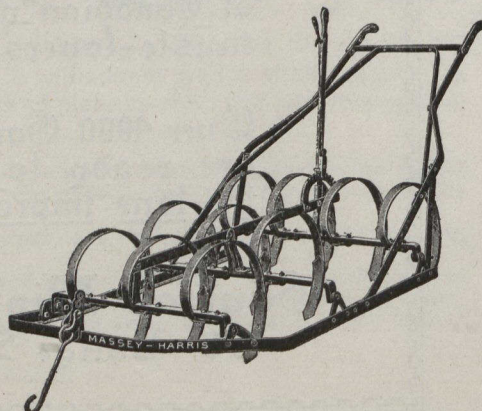
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