

reader is the fact that what is being done in the States south of the line affords a fair instance of the rewards that the fruit grower may expect who pursues his business with intelligence and industry in the Okanagan. When land can be made to bring in returns approaching anywhere near the above figures, it will be readily seen that values such as now mark its market value must inevitably be subjected to a very decided advance as settlement increases, and cultivation of fruit trees covers the unoccupied areas with thriving orchards.

Nothing is so convincing, however, as hard facts, and these can easily be adduced to show the wonderful returns that our Okanagan farmers and orchardists are already receiving. The following instances have all been fully established after careful inquiry and will bear the fullest investigation:

In 1905 a 20-acre patch of Northern Spy apples in the Coldstream orchard yielded a net return of \$10,875, or nearly \$550 per acre. This was from apples alone, no vegetables