

#### A Comparison

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Last September, I had the privilege of samming some of the fruit ranches around North Yakma, in the neighboring state of Washington. This is considered one of the banner fruit growing sections of the northwestern states, and proved interesting, for purposes of comparison. Like everything else western, the fruit industry is not very old here, but is considerably advanced alongside that of most of British Columbia. Twenty years ago, North Yakıma, which is a town with a population of about 15,000, was the centre of a few square miles of hop yards. These have now given place to or-chards, peach, apple and pear principally. The big red apple has become a standard of wealth and in certain favored localities horticulturists are refusing \$3,000 an acre

for their land. This may sound like an exaggeration but it is not. Every foot of land that is brought under cultivation requires irrigation. Thirty years ago the whole country was a desert but where wat r whole country was a desert but where wat resupplied, horticultural results are wonderful. In peaches, watermelons and manceitrus fruits, North Yakima can surpass any portion of British Columbia. In applications, plums and charries many sections of the Canadian province are superior, the being more noticeable in the case of the non-irrigated districts.

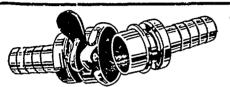
Around North Yakima the grading and packing of fruit has been made a science, the result of 10 or 12 years of hard carned.

the result of 10 or 12 years of hard earned experience. Hundreds of growers are now reaping the reward of years of patient work The farmers are the aristocracy and the merchants and bankers take to the background. What has been accomplished in North Yakima within the past 20 years will be duplicated in many parts of British Col-umbia before another 20 goes by.

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