

As an evidence of the great fruit and agricultural possibilities the Dominion Government has selected a portion of the Company's land for the establishment of an experimental station, which the Department of Agriculture will develop as an object lesson to settlers. Their land lies on the beautifully sloping ground at the west end of Windermere Lake, and is supplied with water from one of the Company's irrigation ditches.

Another live help is an aggressive Farmers' Institute with James Johnson, a progressive rancher of Athalmer, as the president, and Mr. C. D. Ellis, of Windermere, one of the pioneer ranchers of the district, as its ardent secretary.

In order to facilitate colonization and be of assistance to settlers this Company is operating a small saw-mill near Wilmer.



READY FOR PLOUGHING

Here in the foreground is illustrated a very practical form of timber fence which may be seen anywhere throughout the "Happy Valley". The land which stretches away on either side is known as the benches.

Taxation

All land taxes are levied by the provincial government direct, the assessed value being on the basis of wild lands, which is very low, and the rate of taxation is also very moderate. There are other taxes, never excessive, such as those levied on real property and income, full particulars of which may be obtained upon application to the Surveyor of Taxes at Victoria, B.C.

The money received as taxes is spent in the administration of the province, in the maintenance of education, of law and order, the building and upkeep of the numerous colonization roads which are beginning to cover and open up rich fields, spreading over the valleys in a perfect net work, but all leading to main arteries which find an outlet in the sister province of Alberta, in the plains.

It is the dream, however, of all seers into the far future that some day government land taxes in British