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## Wonderful Farm Area

**W. E. Scott, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Gives Details of the Immense Importance of the Valleys in this Northern Part of the Province—Vast Extent of Land is Awaiting the Influx of Settlers to Build Up Thriving Homes—Details of the Trip which the Provincial Official Made Through the Naas and Skeena River Farm Districts.**

(Extract from Prince Rupert Journal, May 17, 1912.)

Supplementary to the report which was published in these columns a few days ago telling of the visit of Mr. W. E. Scott, the Deputy Minister of Agriculture, to the northern part of the country, the Journal publishes this morning a more detailed statement as to the territory which the Deputy Minister covered on his trip. Mr. Scott is most favorably impressed with the possibilities of the country tributary to Prince Rupert, and he has no hesitation in pronouncing the country second to none in the province. The importance of his report to the Department at Victoria cannot fail to be beneficial in inducing population to flow into this territory and take up land for settlement. Describing his trip, Mr. Scott says:

### Close to the City.

"On April 28th, I left Prince Rupert in company with Mr. R. O. Jennings, road superintendent; Mr. J. F. Carpenter, assistant horticulturist of the Department of Agriculture, and Mr. George Drewry, on a tour of inspection of the agricultural valleys tributary to Prince Rupert.

"We left the city in a gasoline launch, which took us as far as Fishery Bay. Passing through the islands near Prince Rupert, it appeared to me that on many of them there is a possibility of vegetable and small fruit growing, and being so close to Prince Rupert, this should prove remunerative. The islands are timbered with spruce, cedar and hemlock. The clearing would probably average between \$100 and \$200 per acre. Poultry raising should be a successful phase of agriculture on these islands. It is a well sheltered waterway with magnificent scenery, which will undoubtedly prove a very popular tourist resort.