

Professor Sharpe says:—

"The soil of the Columbia Kootenay Valley is excellent, needing only water and tilling to make it produce fine crops of roots, potatoes, grains, hay and vegetables, as well as the hardier fruits.

As fine apples can be grown there as are grown, if planters will select suitable varieties and plant on benches." . . .

Mr. Heurtley says:—

"Seeing how wonderfully productive are the small fruits and all garden truck, there can be no doubt but that when more speedy communication is established, there will be no limit to their profitable production.

"Hops used only as ornamental climbers grow so rapidly that one cannot help thinking that if there were any means of disposing of them and anyone with the necessary capital, it would be a very paying proposition to grow them on a commercial scale.



View of Company's Upper Ranch