

cream, and butter always exceeds the supply. The following will give some idea of the average yields of the various crops :

Hay, 2 tons per acre. Wheat, 25 bushels per acre.

Oats, 39 bushels per acre. Barley, 33 bushels per acre.

Potatoes, 10 tons per acre. Onions, 15 tons per acre.

At the present time a good hay producing farm is one of the most profitable investments that can be made, as it can confidently be stated that for years to come hay will never be lower than \$20 per ton and the tendency will be for the commodity to increase in price. Horse breeding again will be found most lucrative as there are not 50% of the horses bred in the district to meet the ever-increasing demand ; consequently they have to be brought in from the Prairie Provinces and Oregon. There is always a good market for beef cattle especially in the winter, when the logging camps are in full swing, and which often have difficulty in obtaining sufficient meat to keep their large gangs of men supplied. Pigs and sheep always command a good price.

It is a statistical fact that B.C. is importing poultry produce to the value of over 2 million dollars per annum ; therefore poultry farming affords an excellent opening for the Settler with moderate capital, as he can (and if he has had no previous experience is strongly advised to) begin in a small way ; and a small flock of birds pays better *pro rata* than a large one. In the Okanagan Valley the climatic conditions, market and transportation facilities are exceptionally well suited for this branch of farming, and what is equally important, the local demand far exceeds the supply, especially in the winter months, when new laid eggs are almost unobtainable. The ordinary householder with, say, a couple of dozen fowls retains all his eggs for his own use. In the spring when eggs are more plentiful, Vancouver, Victoria and New Westminster can always be relied on as an unfailing market ; or the eggs can be put down in waterglass and sold during the winter as cooking eggs at 40 cents per doz. The average price of eggs during the

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