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The British Columbia Telephone Company has in hand over \$100,000 worth of extensions and improvements in the Province. Already the work in Nanaimo and North Vancouver has been completed. In Victoria, over \$30,000 is being spent in providing additional facilities; in Vancouver another \$30,000 is being spent. In Cloverdale and Milner Districts many miles of poles are being set to reach new subscribers. On Lulu Island, 40 miles of wire is being placed. In the Interior, extensive work is being carried out in Nelson and Rossland.

In addition, the Company has overhauled all its exchanges, renovating and redecorating. All this is in line with its policy to be always prepared to give telephone service.

BRITISH COLUMBIA TELEPHONE COMPANY, LTD.



SYNOPSIS OF COAL MINING REGULATIONS.

Coal mining rights of the Dominion, in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, the Yukon Territory, the North-West Territories and in a portion of the Province of British Columbia, may be leased for a term of twenty-one years at an annual rental of \$1 an acre. Not more than 2,560 acres will be leased to one applicant.

Application for a lease must be made by the applicant in person to the Agent or Sub-Agent of the district in which the rights applied for are situated.

In surveyed territory the land must be described by sections, or legal sub-divisions of sections, and in unsurveyed territory the tract applied for shall be staked out by the applicant himself.

Each application must be accompanied by a fee of \$5, which will be refunded if the rights applied for are not available, but not otherwise. A royalty shall be paid on the merchantable output of the mine at the rate of five cents per ton.

The person operating the mine shall furnish the Agent with sworn returns accounting for the full quantity of merchantable coal mined and pay the royalty thereon. If the coal mining rights are not being operated, such returns should be furnished at least once a year.

The lease will include the coal mining rights only, but the lessee may be permitted to purchase whatever available surface rights may be considered necessary for the working of the mine at the rate of \$10.00 an acre.

For full information application should be made to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, or to any Agent or Sub-Agent of Dominion Lands.

W. W. CORY,

Deputy Minister of Interior.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (HORTICULTURAL BRANCH).

Crop Report No. 3.

July 20th, 1915.

The 1915 fruit crop estimates, as compared with last year's total production, are as follows:—

Fruit.	1914.	1915.
Apples	684,840 Boxes	613,000 Boxes
Pears	28,800 "	35,000 "
Plums and Prunes	200,300 Crates	200,000 Crates
Peaches	113,300 "	115,000 "
Apricots	41,000 "	50,000 "
Cherries	33,400 "	35,000 "
Small Fruits	145,000 "	*165,000 "

*Pint crate used in place of 4-5 and 2-5 quarts used in 1914 makes more crates for about equal production of fruit.

The June "drop," reported from normal to heavy, has not materially affected past estimates; in fact, growers state it has decreased the necessity of thinning in some cases. This should not, however, discourage further thinning where it is necessary, as there will not be much demand for No. 3's.

Due to the large amount of scab and aphid injury on the apples in many parts of the Province, and to hail injury in several sections, the percentage of No. 1 apples will be below that of last year. Peach leaf curl has decreased the prospects for peaches considerably, but the production will be equal, if not greater than that of 1914. The estimates for apricots and peaches show increases; but the failure of many canning factories to operate will result in an increase to be marketed fresh. Last year, 40% of the 41,000 crates of apricots grown were shipped fresh, and the bulk of the balance was canned.

The crop reports from the Northwestern States show a crop about 60% of last year's production. In the Eastern States and Ontario similar decreases are reported, while Nova Scotia's crop will exceed that of 1914 by 25%.

Vegetable Crop Conditions.

The following vegetable acreages are given as compared with 1914:—

Vegetables.	1914.	1915.
Potatoes	13,350 Acres	15,000 Acres
Onions	396 "	440 "
Tomatoes	455 "	280 "
Cabbage	215 "	225 "
Beans	580 "	575 "
Celery	70 "	58 "

In general, the condition of all vegetables is reported better than at this time last year. The unirrigated uplands of the Interior, owing to the heavy and continued rainfall, will give much larger yields than last year, while, in a few cases, the lowlands have been flooded, causing partial loss of the crop. No insect pests or diseases of importance on the vegetables are present yet. If favorable conditions continue, the total production of vegetables should exceed last year by about 15%.

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