

cliffe" contains all of these fruits, also one at William Head and several other ranch gardens. A great number of small and large fruits are found on most of the farms. The appended extracts give an idea of the possibilities of orchards, and it would be easy to multiply experience of farmers in this regard. There are orchards in full bearing of fine apples, at "Sherwood" and at "Gordon Bush," Metchosin, which were planted forty years ago, the first, in fact, planted in this locality. From a "Fallawater" over forty years old Mr. H. C. Helgesen picked last year 18 boxes of commercial apples. His old trees are in perfect condition, trunks smooth and clean.



Orchard at "Glenrosa," Rocky Point

Photo by J. Howard A. Chapman

As a result of proper handling many old orchards taken over by newcomers have, after care and attention, given quite heavy yields where before they were not considered worth picking. With ordinary care (that is, trees from a reliable nurseryman and found by experience to be suited to locality and market, well planted, well drained, well cultivated and well sprayed)—an orchard here will come into bearing at four years and into good crop at five and will last a life time. All kinds of fruit do well, but peaches are for the most part wall fruit, also nectarines, apricots and grapes, and need more sheltered situations. Some very heavy bearing peach trees are to be found here, one about 14 years old at "Sherwood," Metchosin, yielding over 250 lbs. of first class fruit last year, at a conservative estimate. For three seasons in succession first prize was won with these peaches at Victoria Fair.

Beautiful Fruit.—The fruit, too, is beautiful. A number of cherry trees on a farm at Albert Head are almost unbelievably fine. In no other part of Canada can be seen such