

WHAT MAXWELL SMITH HAS TO SAY

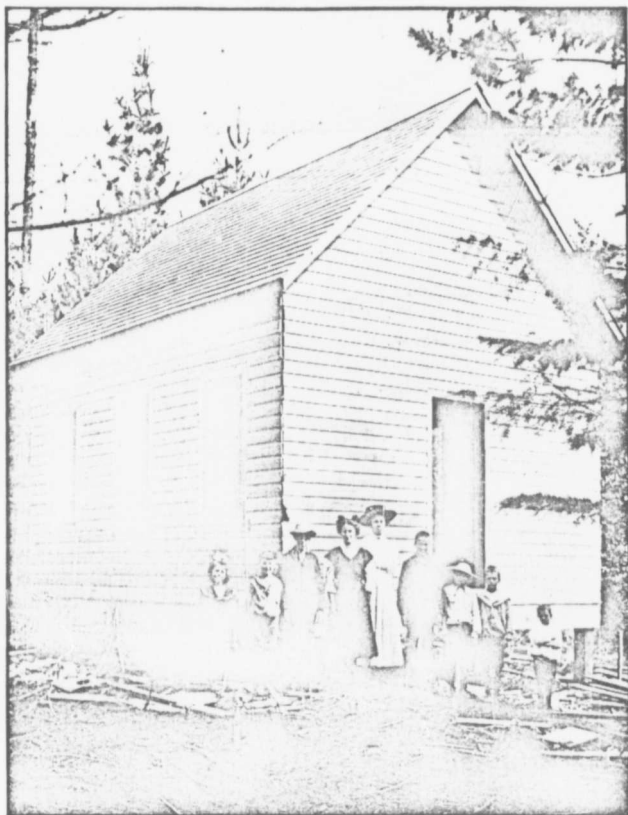
¶ Maxwell Smith, the eminent provincial authority on fruit, and editor of the Fruit Magazine, says: "The climatic conditions here resemble very much those of Southern Ontario. Here the natural rainfall is sufficient, and splendid apples, pears, plums and cherries are successfully grown. The timber is, generally speaking, light, and the land rich." This evidence is particularly valuable as it comes from an unimpeachable source.

THE CHARACTER OF THE SOIL

¶ Everything nearly depends, in the cultivation of fruit, upon the suitable nature of the soil. Climatic conditions may be perfect, transportation the best, and industry unfailing, but without the soil the task is hopeless. This is a striking feature in favor of Seymour Arm. Lying, as before stated, in benches and gradually rising, the whole estate is penetrated by the winding Seymour River in such a way that no point is distant more than a mile or so from the water. Along the banks of the river is a narrow fringe of bottom land, composed of black alluvial soil, which must furnish an ideal site for the cultivation of celery, in itself a very profitable occupation for those who understand market gardening. The bench lands of the valley are composed of a fine, friable, sandy loam, several feet in depth, overlying a clay subsoil, which is considered a most desirable condition for the promotion of a vigorous growth in fruit stock. These features are identical with the choicest lands in the State of Washington which, by cultivation and the production of record crops, have achieved such a widespread reputation. Having regard for the above well-authenticated facts, it is obvious that any question of doubt concerning the suitability of the soil need not be entertained.

THE CLIMATIC CONDITIONS

¶ This consideration is an important one, if subsidiary, for after all the average man is susceptible to the weather. It should be understood, therefore, that while the winter in this district is, like the rest of British Columbia, characterized by snow, the mountain ranges which bound the valley of Seymour Arm on three sides



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NO IRRIGATION REQUIRED AT SEYMOUR ARM