

About British Columbia

Editor, THE CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST: In the February issue of your publication, I noticed an article under the heading of "British Columbia" written by Mr. M. J. Henry, which I am inclined to think may prove misleading to many of your readers, and do a great deal of harm to the province of British Columbia, inasmuch as intending settlers might think from the heading of the article that the statements made by Mr. Henry applied to the whole of the province.

Far be it from me to suggest that Mr. Henry's remarks are incorrect when applied to his own district of Vancouver, for I have personally never visited that part of the province, but his remarks as applied to the whole of British Columbia are, I venture to say, incorrect and altogether misleading.

For instance, in the Kootenay district, where I resided some time and where I own a 10-acre tract of fruit land, I am in a position to say, that though this land is now recognized as one of the best fruit growing districts in British Columbia, good land is

still for sale there are \$100 to \$125 an acre, and land which is well located and has the best of transportation facilities.

The clearing of the land I refer to can be done by contract from \$35 an acre upwards, and I have never heard of it exceeding \$80 an acre. Mr. Henry from his article would lead one to believe that a settler could secure no returns from his land for two or three years, I personally cleared land in the winter and having planted it in the spring with vegetables, etc., secured very fair results the same fall.

Whilst the amount which Mr. Henry mentions as capital for a fruit grower, viz., \$5,000 to \$10,000, would be very helpful, I state most emphatically that half the amount would be adequate for a settler to commence on in most localities, and such statements as Mr. Henry's, if taken to apply to the whole of British Columbia, can only have the effect of deterring many good prospective settlers, with moderate, though sufficient capital, from coming to the province.—R. M. Lane, Winnipeg.

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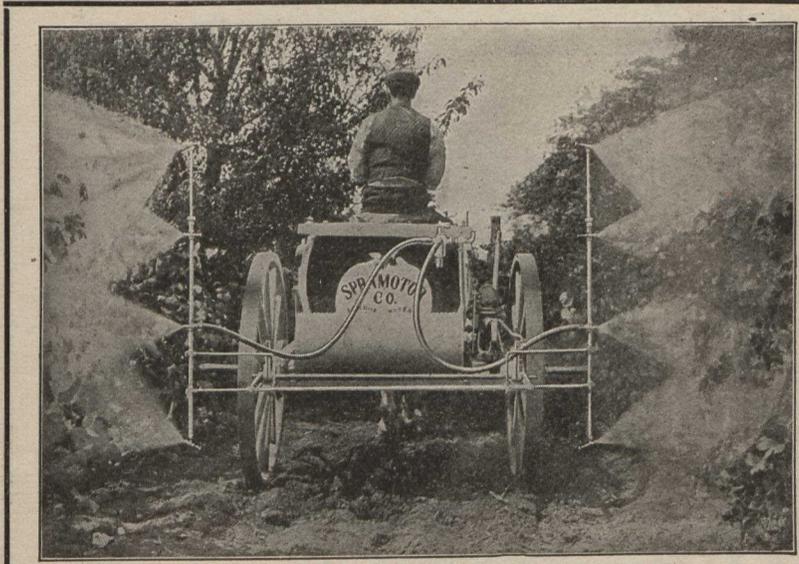
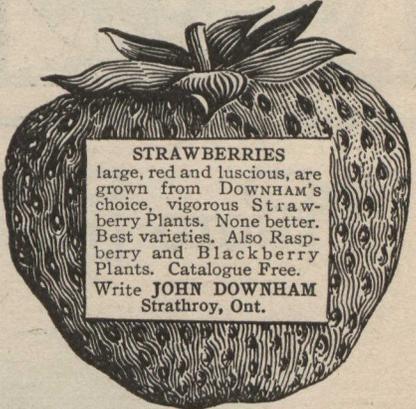
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