

FRUIT.

Wild Fruit.

The lake shores and mountain benches throughout the Kootenay abound with many varieties of **wild fruit**, thus indicating at once the direction in which the farmer should apply his energies. **The soil** at Edgewood has fully demonstrated its suitability, under all conditions, for growing

Advantages of non-irrigated land.

the **highest grades** of fruit. The land is easily worked. The **rainfall** being almost ideal for fruit growing (about 29½ inches), **irrigation** has been proved to be **unnecessary**. This point is a **most important one**, indicating as it does much greater economy in working, superior flavour of fruit, and better keeping and shipping qualities, than in those districts where irrigation is always essential. This freedom from irrigation at Edgewood cannot be too strongly emphasized. The expense and trouble attendant upon the working of irrigated land can here be completely avoided.

Awards.

British Columbia has obtained during recent years no less than **65 medals** for fruit exhibits. These include awards obtained at the Royal Horticultural Society's exhibitions in London, England, in competition with the world, and embrace the Society's Gold Hogg Medal, the Banksian and Knightian Medals. In America, British Columbia was also awarded no less than **51 prizes** at the International Apple Show in Washington.

Capital Required.

Capital and returns.

One of the first questions which naturally arises when fresh enterprise is contemplated, is as to the capital required, and the income which that capital may reasonably be expected to assist in earning. The man who has £1,000 or more of capital, or less capital with a small income, need never look back. Particularly is the life suited to those men with a young family of boys and girls, for