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## B. C. Fruit and Farm Jottings

Among the improvements contemplated at the Sidney Experimental Farm will be the equipment of the place with first-class poultry quarters. The intention is to experiment with Jerseys and Guernseys, the Channel Islands' breeds being considered most suitable on the island. The fifth farm for the province is contemplated to serve the agricultural districts in Northern British Columbia, and will be located near the main line of the G. T. P. railway, west of Prince George.

seed rather larger than turnip seed. It grew to an average height of six feet, but was not of a coarse fibre and it is eaten with avidity by horses or cattle. Mr. Rannie is convinced that Sedan grass will prove to be the long-sought-for substitute for timothy or clover and thinks it will grow luxuriantly for years on the one planting.

Walhachin, situated on the Thompson River, between Kamloops and Ashcroft, 30 miles west of Kamloops, is paying con-

The oat crop on Mr. Sid. Herring's place at Pitt Meadows, averaged 90 bushels to the acre.

In connection with the Pitt Meadows reclamation scheme, over 500 small farmsteads will soon be ready for occupation. The work consisted primarily of 12½ miles of dyking with an average height of ten feet and there are nearly 7000 acres in the reclaimed tract.

### TO INTRODUCE SYSTEM IN B. C.

#### Co-operative Selling of Poultry Products Which Has Proven Satisfactory in East To Be Extended Here

While the activities of the live stock branch of the Dominion Department of Agriculture with regard to the organization of Co-operative Egg and Poultry Marketing Associations have been largely confined to date to the eastern provinces of the Dominion, the need and opportunity for work of this kind in the western provinces have not been overlooked.

From the fact that co-operative marketing of poultry products was something entirely new, it was thought advisable to thoroughly test out the practicability of the system before extending it to a wider area. Satisfactory results having been obtained in the east arrangements are now being made to extend the work to the western provinces.

### MISSION CITY SHOW.

The North Fraser Poultry Association are offering the largest prize list in the history of the association for the show to be held at Mission City this month, starting December 8. Mr. T. C. Aldershaw will be the judge. Entries must be received by December 1. In addition to the regular prize list there will be twenty-nine special prizes awarded including a silver cup.

### LIVE STOCK FARMING.

#### Grain Farming Alone Reduces Fertility of the Soil.

Grain farming reduces the fertility of the soil. Stock farming increases it. Grain farming reduces the humus in the soil. Stock raising increases it. Grain farming spoils the mechanical conditions of the soil. Stock farming improves it. Grain farming fosters weeds, plant diseases and insects, while stock raising decreases them. Stock raising develops thrift—pay as you go. Grain farming develops the credit system. Grain farming brings on the mortgage. Stock raising pays it off. The labor for grain farming is expensive, while that for stock farming is cheaper in that it is engaged by the year. Grain raising is dependent on the season. Stock farming is quite independent of the season. Taking



A QUIET PASTORAL.

(Courtesy Eastman Kodak Company.)

The breeds of swine to be raised at the Sidney Experimental Farm will be Yorkshires and Berkshires. It is improbable that sheep will be kept owing to the limited amount of land available.

Pitt Meadow farmers have been experimenting for years to produce a grass suitable for stock-feeding which will thrive in the slightly sour prairie land. Mr. William Rannie believes he has found it. Last year he planted some Australian Sedan grass seed. The seed grew to splendid maturity. The stock of it was exactly similar to blue point, the head blossoming much after the fashion of oats, with a heavy head, full of

siderable attention to fruit growing. Some 3000 acres are now planted in orchard. The first fruit was shipped from the district this year, when eight carloads went out. There are in the neighborhood of 40 miles of irrigation ditches. Out of an original population of about 200, including women and children, some forty-five men have enlisted for active service.

The importance of the work of the provincial fruit inspectors in keeping the province free of pests is realized when it is known that forty-one carloads of fruit have been condemned for infection in Yakima County, Washington state, during the season.