
Vernon has a population of over 3,000; has four banks, five churches, seven hotels and a new \$50,000 public school.

of fruit lands in British Columbia is limited to a few comparatively small valleys, it will be clear that our production of fruit can never equal the demand, and that the fruit industry in the Okanagan stands upon the solid basis of an absolutely assured market.

These larger markets are practically untouched by the merchants of the Okanagan, and a very strong, widespread and enthusiastically supported movement is on foot with regard to capturing and holding them. Up to the present time, the shipping organisations mentioned above have been found sufficient; so rapidly, however, is the Okanagan developing, so many new orchards are annually coming into bearing, and so productive do these prove, that it is felt that their day is rapidly passing, and the policy is being generally and authentically advocated, of specialising in the late

and winter varieties of apple, and storing these till the market shall be ready to receive them, the producer thus determining the time at which they should be sold.

It is further suggested that the various organisations be unified, and the whole Okanagan, as a unit, go into the matter of marketing on a sound business basis. Should this scheme of co-operation and readjustment of the whole system of marketing be worked out, and there seems no reason why it should not be triumphantly put into operation, it will place the Okanagan producer in an admirably secure and lucrative position. Not only so, but the new comer will be able to reap the advantage of his predecessors' experience, and, without passing through their trials, enjoy their solid business organisation.

Intermediate Crops

THE growing of intermediate crops, at least while an orchard is young, is a common practice. The following are some conservative statements as to what may be expected in the way of returns from such crops:

Potatoes, 9 tons to the acre; average price, \$15 per ton.

Onions, 12 to 15 tons to the acre; average price, \$20 per ton.

Early cabbage, 6 tons to the acre; average price, \$35 per ton.

Strawberries, 400 crates per acre; average price, \$2.00 per crate.

Strawberries bear the second year, and, as a rule, are removed at the end of the third year. In calculating probable returns from intermediate crops, it must be borne in mind that the fruit trees will occupy one-third of the acreage.