

flourish abundantly, attaining a size, quality and flavor which proclaim the possibilities of the soil and climate for the cultivation of garden fruits and at least the hardier fruits, and quite probably peaches and pears. The climate of this portion of Central British Columbia is approximately the same as that of Southern Michigan, Southern Ontario or Western New York.

THE BULKLEY VALLEY.—The soil in the Bulkley River district consists of a loam on a clay subsoil or silt on a loam and clay subsoil of great depth and fertility. The climatic conditions are approximately the same as those of Northern New York or Eastern Ontario. The country is largely open, gently undulating, the valley being from five to fifteen miles wide. It is native meadowland in its natural state, but is excellently suited for cereal growing, vegetables and mixed farming. The hardier fruits, with small garden fruits, will thrive; and as a dairy country it cannot be excelled.

THE SKEENA RIVER DISTRICT.—There are no large areas of agricultural land along the Skeena River proper, but many comparatively small areas of bench lands, well wooded as a rule, the soil consisting of a silt or loam of great depth on clay or



Bulkley River, Looking towards Francois Lake.

gravel. The valleys are narrower and the climate is milder than in the interior, with a heavy snowfall in winter, with abundant but not too much rainfall in the growing season. Much of this land is suited for apple growing, crude experiments having shown excellent results. Vegetable growing and dairy farming will yield handsome returns in this favored region.