

## A PLEASANT OCCUPATION.

It is a pleasure to be engaged in an occupation that is both profitable and pleasant, living near to nature's heart. Earl Grey has well said, at the opening of the New Westminster Exhibition last year, amongst other glowing descriptions of the fruit growing industry, that it is "a beautiful art as well as a most profitable industry." We confidently believe the valley will have a population of 50,000 of the most intelligent people in Canada in 25 years.

## FACTORIES.

There are box factories and sawmills at most of the towns that are springing up along the lake shores, that supply the fruit boxes, cut to the proper size and tied up in bundles for shipment with convenience to the orchards. The box factory at Peachland made 60,000 crates last year, chiefly for home use. And judging from the number of trees planted, in two years it will keep the factory running 24 hours a day, for every working day in the year, to make what boxes will be required in their own district. Good pine timber is plentiful, and the lumber industry will afford employment for a great number of men in seasons when they can get away from attending to their orchards.

## MINING.

There are also a great many mines staked out which will in the future be developed, and give employment to a great many. Several gold mines are staked on the Peachcliff property. There are several mines in full operation not far distant. All these industries add to the market for the fruit grower.

## GAME AND PLEASURE.

This is the sportsman's paradise. Large game of all kinds as well as grouse abound, and are easily reached in the mountains. There is good fishing in the lakes and rivers. Already there are a number of gasoline and sail launches on the lakes, and the sailing is delightful. One can sail from Okanagan Falls 100 miles north, and the lakes are not more than two or three miles wide at any point. Okanagan Lake is 80 miles long, and Dog Lake is 10 miles, with about 4 miles of river connecting them.

## TRANSPORTATION.

The C.P.R. branch line leaves the main line at Sicamous Junction, and runs south about 56 miles to Okanagan Landing, where we take the steamer to the foot of the lake at Penticton, 53 miles. A large barge is under construction at the landing, which will take freight cars down the lake this fall. Then the