

velopment of these valleys up to the present is undoubtedly the cost of transportation. It has been too heavy a tax on settlers to pay the high transportation charges on supplies, and they have simply been marking time and doing very little development work. As the steel rails, however, cap these districts, cost of transportation will be reduced, and rapid progress will be the result. Even the most sanguine optimist can hardly realize the rapid development that will take place in these fertile valleys on the completion of the G. T. P.



Farming Possibility.

"There has prevailed amongst many people an erroneous impression regarding the farming possibilities of Northern British Columbia. All branches of farming may be successfully undertaken in this part of the province, with the possible exception of tree fruits, and even this phase of horticulture may prove successful in localities such as Kitsumkalum, Lakelse Valley and the Lower Nass. The Department of Agriculture has distributed over 1,000 trees for experimental purposes to settlers on the Upper Skeena, and we will soon be in a position to state authoritatively whether tree fruits may be grown successfully. Reports received from many of these men seem to indicate that they have made successful progress. There