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The same authority referred to above says in part regarding the lands for agricultural purposes:—

Practically all the benches require irrigation to produce the best results, and it remains to be proven if dry farming can be practised with success. It has been satisfactorily demonstrated that with irrigation all the ordinary field crops—grains, roots, vegetables and fruits—can be grown in quantity and of the best quality. Three and four crops of alfalfa in a season have been grown, while timothy and other fodder crops yield large returns. It is also established beyond question that the Valley is well adapted to fruit growing. Apples, pears, plums, prunes, cherries and small fruits mature in abundance, unsurpassed in color and flavor.

"The Valley from Briscoe southward to Canal Flats, being from six to ten miles wide, is favorably affected by the warm Chinook winds, and the temperature is further moderated by the presence of several lakes, the largest being Windermere or Lower Columbia Lake and Upper Columbia Lake, which are respectively eleven and fourteen miles in length, with an average width of one mile and a half.

"It is beautifully timbered in fir, spruce, poplar and birch, with open prairie patches—park-like in appearance. . . .