

Along the Crows' Nest line, down to Medicine Hat, and north by Macleod to Calgary, is a market for small fruits, and for fruit generally, which can be taken care of by the Kootenay growers, and they should strain every nerve to increase their output to supply the demand in this territory.

British Columbia fruit is handled through one of two methods, either to the present jobbing houses or to the retailers direct, the latter principally for small fruits. It would be possible for British Columbia growers to establish their own jobbing houses, and sell to the retail trade, but this involves a tremendous amount of capital for distributing houses with cold storage at the various points agents or travellers to solicit business, and we would have to handle early American fruits and all varieties of citrous fruits. On the whole, shipping to responsible jobbers is best at present, at least for the most of our fruit.

## SUMMARY.

What is most necessary in British Columbit is a campaign of education along the lines of—

(1) Growing more fruit, both large and small; (2) growing better fruit; (3) growing the varieties of fruit most wanted; (4) better packing and grading with greater weight in packages; (5) care in loading cars; (6) co-operation in every line, including the growing of uniform varieties, co-operation as to information on prices between different districts and shippers, and in time, a general co-operation over the province to place fruit to the best advantage in the proper markets.

## **Okanagan** Prospects

It is estimated by W. C. Kicardo, manager of the Coldstream Ranch, that this season all records for fruit production in the Okanagan Valley will be broken. There are indications that the valley will produce a 500-car crop of apples, plums, prunes and peaches, small fruits not being included. Should this estimate be fulfilled, the crop this yea: will exceed last year's by about 300 per cent., due largely to young trees coming into bearing for the first time. Fruit prospects all through the valley are

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## Similkameen, B. C.

The fruit crop in the Similkameen Valley gives promise this year of an enormous yield. Around Keremeos, where over 18,-000 trees have been planted within the past five years and are now in bearing, the fruit growers will have a busy summer thinning out the crop to prevent injury to the trees. The peach and apple crop in particular will be very large, no injury whatever being done by the early frosts to peaches.

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