

to the ton), and a field near Enderby averaged 72 bushels to the acre, although this was an exceptional yield. Samples of wheat raised in Okanagan, sent to the Vienna Exposition, were awarded the highest premiums and bronze medals. One of the best flouring mills in the Dominion is now in operation at Enderby, twenty-four miles south of Sicamous, and connected with it by rail. The flour manufactured at these mills from Okanagan-grown wheat is equal to any other to be found on the continent. There is another mill at Vernon and one at Armstrong, managed by the farmers of the vicinity. Though Okanagan is an excellent wheat-producing country, considerable attention is now being given to the various kinds of fruit culture—peaches, apples, pears, prunes, plums, etc., being grown to perfection. Vegetables of all species are produced, and an experienced gardener asserts that \$400 per acre is a fair return for this industry. Attention has been turned to the production of Kentish hops, and during several years past hops from this section have brought the highest prices in the English markets, competing successfully with the English, the continental and those grown in other parts of America. The Earl of Aberdeen, formerly Governor-General of Canada, has over 13,000 acres near Vernon, in the Coldstream Valley, where general farming, hop-growing and fruit-raising are carried on. His orchard of about 200 acres is the point of attraction for visitors to Vernon, being one of the largest orchards in the Dominion. He has also a dairy farm near Kelowna, on the east side of the lake. An excellent quality of tobacco is grown about Kelowna, which is cured and shipped to eastern factories by a local company. The cultivation of this plant is as yet only in its initial stage, but there are indications that it will become an important source of wealth to the country.

Peachland and Summerland are both desirable health resorts. The former has been visited during the summer, as a vacation trip, by many people from Manitoba and the North-West for the past five years. They are also desirable places to live in during the winter months, as the temperature does not go as low as zero more than two or three times during a winter, and then it will only be a case of a sudden drop at night. During the past five years 6 below zero for one night is the lowest temperature recorded at Peachland. Peach culture is therefore a safe and profitable industry here, and is being gone into quite extensively. Some two thousand acres of bench lands in the vicinity of this village have been subdivided into five and ten acre lots by a local company, and these are sold to Eastern people who are desirous of going into fruit culture.

Summerland is fifteen miles south from Peachland, on the west side of the lake. This place is also in the peach belt. It was founded by a number of Montreal capitalists, who put in a complete irrigation system, sufficient to water the five thousand acres of the syndicate's holdings. The land, which is specially well adapted to the raising of peaches, plums, pears, apples, grapes, cherries and all small fruits, as well as vegetables, hay and grain, has been subdivided into five, ten and twenty acre lots for the convenience of those seeking a desirable climate where fruit culture may be followed.