

THE SIMILKAMEEN.

This district should produce the necessary vegetables and small fruits called for by railway-construction, and an increasing market in the mining towns. This is the district British Columbia must very largely rely on for Whicaps, and to some extent for Rome Beauty and Yellow Newtown apples. If they come down with Vancouver will put this district in a very favourable position for the production of all kinds of early vegetables and fruits for that market.

KETTLE RIVER VALLEY.

This district, centring around Grand Forks, not only has a very favourable local market for vegetables and small fruits, but especially in view of the reduced freight rates granted last year through the British Columbia Fruit-growers' Association, is in a favourable position to compete on the Prairies. With the extension of the Kettle Valley line to the Coast, its facilities will be complete. Further plantings of fruit should be along the lines of the McIntosh Red, Jonathan, Rome Beauty, Red-checked Pippin, and other recommended varieties.

WEST KOOTENAY.

In this large and extensive district conditions are favourable for production along many lines. Large local markets provide an excellent outlet for most vegetables and small fruits, while the high quality of the late fruits should ensure a very satisfactory outside market as shipments become large enough. The main fruit-production should eventually embrace the McIntosh, Wagener, Northern Spy, Ontario, and some other varieties.

With reference to all these districts, the scope of this circular has not permitted of an extensive description of the facts, for which the interested reader is referred to the revised bulletin on "Varieties of Fruits recommended," which contains at greater length comments on the possibilities of each of these districts.

SUMMARY.

The results of the season of 1912 again prove conclusively that British Columbia can produce many kinds of vegetables and fruits to great advantage. On the other hand, they also indicate that there must continue to be an adjustment of crops to meet market conditions. It is probable that the planting of orchards will go on more slowly until the scope of our facilities and our markets has been more clearly demonstrated. The production of small fruits will increase more rapidly, and there will be much more attention paid than at any time in the past to vegetables of various kinds to meet market requirements.

There will be a decline in the acreage of potatoes planted next year. It has been demonstrated, time and time again, that the man who wins out in potato-growing is he who plants every year, selects his seed carefully, and grades his product. His speculative neighbour, who dips in and out, cannot expect to get such satisfactory results.

In all lines of vegetables, other than potatoes, there will probably be an increased acreage in 1913. Skill in culture, combined with proper soil and preparation, keeps down the cost of production and ensures satisfactory profit.

The manufacture of fruits and vegetables into preserved products is going to increase rapidly. There is a very large market for these, both on the Coast and in the Western Prairies, and the canning and jam-making industry in