

British Columbia is certainly a country abounding in mineral and forest wealth. But the day is coming when fruit growers in that province will compete strongly with us in the markets of the North-West. Peach and grape culture can never be carried on successfully along the coast as the nights are too cool to allow proper ripening of these fruits. But along the Fraser river and in many inland valleys and ravines they can surely be grown to perfection. At many of these points I found that melons and tomatoes are grown in perfection, which surely indicates safely that peaches and grapes would succeed.

Apples, pears and plums can be grown wherever sufficient soil is found to plant, and while they attain a much larger size than such fruits do with us and also a fine color, they are much softer and not so marked in flavor, nor do they keep as well. But they can be grown in large quantities and properly packed in small packages would carry well into the British and far eastern markets for late fall and first of winter use. An association similar to ours has been formed in that province whose good work will soon be felt as a power in that favored climate.

I am sure the unanimous sentiment of our association is with them hand and heart.

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