

The fruit crop this year is good, but, on account of local conditions, the values obtained are lower than usual. Apples sell for 90 cents a box; pears, \$1.25 a box, and plums 50 cents per crate of 20 pounds.—“Farmer.”

Kootenay Valley, B. C.

Edgar W. Dynes

Maxwell Smith, Dominion Fruit Inspector, Vancouver, B. C., delivered an address at Nelson, some time ago and, after complimenting the growers on the high reputation that the district had attained for its fruit, reminded them that a reputation is an awkward thing in that it has to be kept up and urged all present to work towards that end. The subject of his address was “The Commercial Aspect of the Fruit Indus-

try.” He maintained that in selling and marketing the greatest difficulties would be encountered and outlined the methods of successful organizations with which he had come in contact and urged their adoption by the local association.

Mr. W. J. Brandrith, of Ladner, also delivered addresses throughout the district under the auspices of the farmer’s institutes. A new branch of the institute was formed at Nakusp and it already has a large membership.

Local nurserymen report a large demand for their stock and that they are already sold out of a number of the leading varieties. New settlers are coming in constantly and the prospects are that 1909 will see a material increase in the orchard acreage of the Kootenay.

Montreal

E. H. Wartman, Dominion Fruit Inspector

The fruit seasons of 1907 and 1908 will long be remembered by fruit growers and fruit buyers. A year ago apples were in large quantities on our fruit auction and selling from 90 cents to \$1.50 a barrel. To-day the same varieties and packing are selling under the hammer from \$2.50 to \$4.50 a barrel. Can one imagine two greater extremes in 12 months?

To-day Nova Scotia apples are in our market and giving very good satisfaction as to quality and grading. Of course, they are short 10 to 12 pounds of Ontario barrels and look inferior in build to the Ontario eight-hoop barrel; yet, no one denies their strength to endure hardships on long jour-

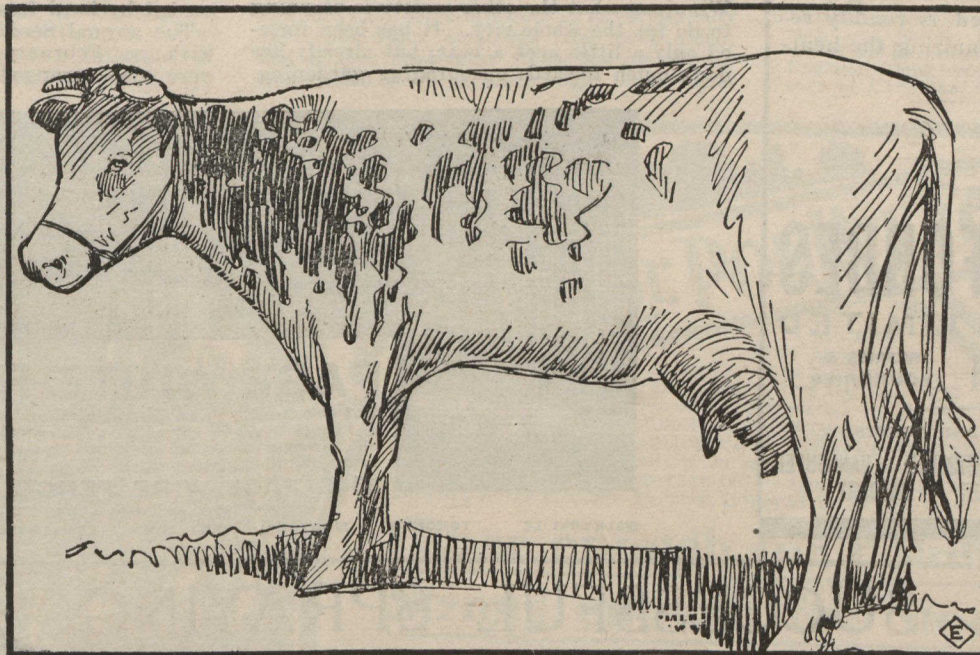
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