

grow in profusion wherever their cultivation has been attempted. Sixty-eight tons of roots to a measured acre is recorded at Chilliwack, and near Kelowna, on Okanagan Lake, 20 acres produced 403 tons of potatoes, which sold at \$14 per ton. The Dominion census places the average yield of potatoes at 162.78 bushels to the acre. The average price of potatoes is \$1.60 per sack, while carrots, turnips, parsnips and beets sell at an average of about 60 cents per bushel.

**SHEEP.** On Vancouver Island, and in the Gulf of Georgia flocks of from 25 to 400 have always proved profitable. The foundation of the flocks are Down grades, on which are used Shropshires, Southdown, Oxford, Leicester, and Cotswold; on the lower mainland, particularly at Chilliwack and Ladner, sheep are profitably reared. In the interior, sheep are kept on the farms in small lots. The timber wolf and panther have to be guarded against. The demand far exceeds the supply; 60,000 head of live sheep are annually imported from the State of Washington, a number from Alberta, and many thousand frozen carcasses from Australia. In 1911, B.C. imported 215,148 sheep, value \$756,514.

**SWINE.** Hogs are profitably grown in all farming districts. The demand for pork far exceeds the supply. Live hogs bring an average of over 7 cents per lb. the year round. A large packing plant in Vancouver has to depend largely upon outside points for hogs. There are several small curing houses. In 1911, there was imported: Bacon and ham, 3,261,328 lbs.; salt pork, 165,106 lbs.; lard, 2,199,322 lbs. Value of above, \$754,132. These figures do not include imports from other provinces, and represent only about 26% of total importation.

**TOBACCO.** Tobacco has been notably successful in Okanagan. Cuban seed is imported and changed every three or four years, because as the leaf increases in size the flavor diminishes. A factory at Kelowna, employing 50 hands, with a present output of 130,000 per month, produces cigars equal to good Havanas. Cuban tobacco is grown for filler, Comstock Spanish, Wisconsin for binders, and Sumatra tobacco under shade tent for wrappers. Actual results from 20 acres show the following returns: Value to factory, 20,000 lbs. of Havana at 50c., \$10,000. Total expenses, including rent, \$1,294; net profit, \$8,706. Write Mgr. British North American Tobacco Co., Kelowna.