

Industrial Mission

FORTY MILES from Vancouver, forty miles from the sea, and ten miles from the International Boundary, Mission City is in the geographical centre of the Lower Fraser Valley. Immediately surrounding the city are some of the choicest areas of the famed fertile Fraser Valley lands—much of it still lying fallow, but hundreds of acres now in the highest state of cultivation and producing crops of such variety and enormous yield as to ensure the most profitable returns from farming operations.

Mission City Location and Description

The city lies on the north bank of the Fraser, the waterfrontage being ideal for industrial sites as it is perfectly level. The land rises in gentle slopes to benches at different elevations until the general level of the country surrounding the city north, east and west, is reached. From this height the land slopes for miles away, back to the distant mountains, forming a large and continuous area nearly every acre of which is adaptable for general agriculture.

The soil of this entire district is excellent. That of the lower levels, next to the river, is black alluvial deposit of great fertility, while a rich, friable, loose chocolate loam is the general character of the higher lands. One very remarkable feature of the district is that even on the slopes and on the edges of the benches the soil is as rich as it is elsewhere. Very few rocky ridges occur, and much of the land is entirely free from surface boulders.

The southern aspect of Mission District, added to the raised bench lands, gives it a very distinct advantage in point of early start and maturity of crops. Another advantage from a farming point of view is the admirable natural sub-irrigation produced by the contour of the entire district. The moisture from snows melting and rains falling on the higher slopes of the mountains in the distance to the north, is evenly distributed and gradually percolates from bench to bench, finally reaching the lower levels in the driest period of mid-summer. This accounts for the uniform success of all sorts of farm and field crops, and fruits, as well as for the very heavy returns obtained per acre.

Almost all sorts of fruit and vegetables are grown with success in Mission District, and the extent and variety of farming operations has amply proven their adaptability.