

ous, and are easily scared. The bears keep more to the heavy timber, and are not often seen except by lumbermen, and those in outlying places, where a bear will occasionally take up his residence in an orchard. Should a bear decide to lease an orchard without paying for it, there is much joy among the neighbors, who proceed to work up several scares, and a big bear drive, with the result that Bruin generally beats it to safety in spite of the many guns let off in the confusion of his hurried exit. It is sport, nevertheless, and helps to make life in the country.

To the angler, who knows his way about, there are several good places in Matsqui, and unlike so many other places in the Fraser Valley, he will not find a dozen other men on his ground, although fishing is good from end to end of the Fraser, and very good trout is run equi-distant from Matsqui district. Anglers from Vancouver will spend half a day in the car to fish in the Vedder River, while the man from Matsqui can catch a basketful and be home before they have thrown their first casts. He can reach any other good fishing ground equally easily, should he so desire, in fact the ardent angler could have no better home than at Matsqui, as he has every advantage. Cut-throat and steel-head are the common trout, while there are young coho salmon in the Fraser River.

### INDUSTRIES

Although one may not be actively engaged in anything but farming, it is a pleasant feeling to know that there is life and action within a few miles, and all good farmers remember the minutes they waste in watching the smoke from a distant train.

In Matsqui, the farmer can see the smoke rising from the tall chimneys of the Clayburn Company, where fire-bricks, sewer pipes and all such articles are being manufactured. There are between eighty and ninety men employed at the works, and the company is extending its plant. Bricks and lumber are both available for the use of the Matsqui farmer.

The Abbotsford Lumber, Mining and Development Company will supply all the farmer's needs for years to come, as it has enough standing timber to run the mill for the next twenty years.

The work of the creameries has already been described, and it might be as well to mention that there is also the Fraser Valley Milk Producers' Association, which protects its members from big American syndicates who could dictate to the small farmer, but who are powerless before the farmers' combination. Last year many of the Matsqui farmers were shipping to Sardis, where there was a cheese factory. A cheese factory could easily be established in Matsqui.

### FORTUNES IN SEED-GROWING

In conclusion, there is an industry, which has not as yet been taken up in Matsqui, but which will, sooner or later, become one of the most important undertakings in the district. British Columbia has