

Elko Climate Produces Profitable Crops of Fruit, Vegetables and Cereals

That the benches and valleys contiguous to Elko are peculiarly suitable to horticultural and agricultural purposes is amply demonstrated in the results achieved by Elko growers.

One of the first sights upon which a visitor to the town seizes during the crop season is the small orchard situated behind the Canadian Pacific Railway station. There spring up to profitable bearing such fruits as apples, pears, plums, cherries, strawberries, raspberries and saskatoons. Similar instances are found without leaving the confines of the town.

During recent years many orchards and farms have been established in the neighborhood of Elko, and these are thriving splendidly. Thousands of acres of unimproved lands await the hand of development, and as they are brought into cultivation there is every reasonable foundation for the claim that Elko will take a prominent place among the famous producing districts of sunny British Columbia.

Elko holds a peculiarly attractive position as nearest fruit town to the prairie markets. East of the Rockies fruits cannot be brought to commercial bearing, and the large markets there call upon British Columbia for supplies. As a result Elko, being nearest to these avenues for the sale of fruits, will command first notice from the fruit buyers, and as the producing season comes at Elko slightly earlier than in the interior districts, highest prices will be obtained for produce when the time comes that it is necessary to ship abroad. At present, however, the local demand exceeds the home supply.