

of the territory to be served—get land under cultivation and reap a rich profit from the market afforded by the influx of prospectors, settlers and the army of railway constructors.

Of the land available for purchase from the Government of British Columbia in the same districts, the following certificates of purchase have been made:

1907.....442

1908.....873

1909.....2132

This land is specially selected, certificates as a rule covering 640 acres, the maximum amount allowed, and may be purchased from present owners at prices varying from about \$6.50 to \$35.00 per acre, according to quality and location, or the varying confidence of the owners as to its value.

Soil and Class of Lands

The nature of the soil in the different agricultural districts of Central British Columbia is as follows:

FRASER RIVER (East of Fort George).—Chocolate loam on a clay subsoil, well drained, and running streams numerous. As a rule, bench lands prevail, the valley being narrow, and although some open areas of comparatively limited extent, the entire country is well wooded with small fir, spruce, jack pine, etc.

NECHACO RIVER (West of Fort George to Fraser Lake).—The country becomes



Trail and Typical Country, Fraser Lake, Nechaco River District. Note Luxuriant Growth of Native Grasses.