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"But we are discussing present conditions, and as I have said, now, 'shank's mare' is the only mode of conveyance over the Chilcoot Pass, and

fluvia from the decomposition of dead horses, which at one time, I admit was a disagreeable feature of travel over the Chilcoot."



AGRICULTURAL EXHIBITS—WESTMINSTER PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION, '97.
Apple Exhibit. Experimental Farm Display of Fruit.

he, she, or it, is making uncommonly good time if the journey does not occupy more than nine hours. Generally travellers take it easier, and leaving Dyea at 4 p.m., sleep one night at Sheep Camp en route, arriving at Bennett by 4 o'clock in the afternoon of the next day. Undoubtedly this is the wiser course to pursue, because you really enjoy the walk, instead of turning up at Bennett fagged out."

"My account of the Chilcoot Pass is not very terrifying is it? Not at all like the harrowing stories of its hardships one reads of in the newspapers? Well, any number of women-folk are now going through the pass, and 'making no bones about it.' The insidious and festive mosquito is not to be met with on the trail, and so the traveller is not here annoyed with his or



Flour Exhibit—Made from Fraser Valley Grain.



Vegetable Exhibit.

"Bennett, the western terminus of the Bennett & Klondike Steamer Line, is the headquarters of Capt. Rant, the B.C. Gold Commissioner, who lives in a picturesque log chalet perched up on rising ground. Here, too, is quartered a detachment of the Mounted Police, occupying a number of low-lying

log shanties built in the form of a hollow square. The population is now between two and three hundred, but only a few months back—as recently as June in fact—there were several thousands living in tents, these canvas dwellings crowding every available space of ground on the site. One day, however, Bennett will, I think, be a town of considerable importance—that is when the railway is built through it. The Bennett route is already recognized as the best, and no one thinks of going in or out by the circuitous St. Michael's

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Dairy Farm—Three Miles from Vancouver.

rather her—because the gentleman mosquito does not sting—friendly but painful attentions; and one's nostrils are no longer offended with the ef-

trail, now the journey can be made in six days by water. Bennett should be a good point for storing Canadian goods, and if the warehouses there were