

very profitably all around Vernon. Last year, one ranch alone grew \$10,000 worth of wheat. The Coldstream Ranch raise hull-less barley of the first quality, and our hay and oats cannot be beaten.

The farmer who does not care to go in for fruit, yet wishes a home in a mild climate, will find here conditions to suit his every requirement.

Last year Vernon shipped by freight alone 1,300,000 pounds of apples and 306,000 lbs. of other fruits. Besides this, large quantities of small and delicate fruits were shipped by express, including cherries, strawberries, raspberries, plums, prunes, peaches, etc. In all, well over the two million pounds of fruit was produced by Vernon alone last season. This is an increase of 25 per cent. over the year before.

MARKETS.

The markets for fruit, hay, vegetables, hops and other produce are practically inexhaustible. The Northwest Territories readily absorb any fruit we can supply, and the large influx of settlers into the country, now steadily going on and likely to continue for some time, assures an increase in the demand. The mining towns of the Kootenays furnish a more local market, and consume our beef, mutton, pork, poultry, tomatoes and early vegetables, while large shipments of produce are annually made to Vancouver and the coast cities. Railway connection with the Boundary Country, which is now a probability of the near future, would open up another great market in the populous mining sections of the south, with their growing demand for various agricultural products. If, for any reason, these should fail, we have England and Scotland to fall back upon. Recent experiments of Okanagan fruit-growers have demonstrated that apples can very profitably be shipped to the old country, while even Australia has received fruit from the Okanagan. The opinions of London fruit merchants who have become interested in the Okanagan product, makes it evident that a profitable business might also be developed in this district by growers