

Oats also are a great success, but do best when sown in land that has been more worked out, as the rich virgin soil promotes almost too rank a growth.

At present grain is not grown in great quantity in the Salmon Arm district, but for all that is sown a ready market is found locally.

POTATOES AND ROOT CROPS

POTATO growing is an industry that is receiving increased attention here, and is one that is capable of great expansion. Recent experience proves that growers at Salmon Arm can command a practically unlimited market, providing the necessary moderate demands as to grading, etc. are complied with. That the Salmon Arm potato is of the best is proved by the fact that one of the largest wholesale merchants in Calgary recently made the statement that "he was prepared to take all that the Salmon Arm growers could send him and pay them \$2.00 a ton more than the general market price."

In the fall of 1911 a potato exhibition was organized in Salmon Arm and the exhibits, which won the highest praise from experts, proved that both on the low lying valley lands and on the higher bench lands, potatoes of the highest quality were being grown, and were yielding splendid returns.

At the Pan-American Exhibition held at New York in the fall of 1911, the Province of British Columbia won the Stillwell Trophy and \$1,000 cash prize for potatoes. Among the 14 varieties collected from the Salmon Arm district by the B.C. government, was one, not intentionally grown for exhibition, which gained the highest award of any in the exhibition, viz. 99 points out of a possible 100.



A Salmon Arm Hay Field

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