

her praises, but he loved the Columbia Valley and the Windermere country. It was here he established a lodge on the side of a sweeping slope where many happy days were spent. Far beyond the intervening stretch of trees and grassy bench, one may see from the porch of the lodge, the massive twin peaks which he has named "The Pharaohs."

Splendid roads built by the provincial government well fitted for automobile or horse conveyance traverse the country in every direction. During the season of navigation boats make regular trips from Golden up



VALLEY LODGE

Earl Grey, Governor-General of Canada, at his lodge in the Valley
Photo by H. W. Gleason, Boston

to the beautiful Windermere Lake and return. Earl Grey described this river journey as "the grandest trip I ever made."

The Ideal Farms

The land holdings of the Columbia Valley Irrigated Fruit Lands, Limited, consisting of 50,000 acres, lie on the beautiful rolling benches which rise from lake and river. They are traversed by streams and possess beautiful lakes at intervals. A system of surveys is now under way and in part completed whereby, after careful examination by competent engineers, the original large holdings have been divided into smaller areas measuring from one-and-a-quarter acres up through fifteen and twenty acres to as high as eighty acres per lot, especial care has been taken so that each will have within its boundaries a portion of land that may be irrigated and other parts suitable for the general purposes pertaining to farming in a small way. The majority of the smaller lots have specially attractive features in the way of choice localities, good scenery and nearness to market towns. While the country is open and park-like, requiring practically no clearing except on some tracts, still nearly every holding has upon it some splendid trees to add to the beauty of