



COURTENAY VALLEY



Not to refer to the agricultural and horticultural country lying in the Comox District, which embraces thousands of acres of the richest land on the North American continent, would be to over-



look one of the strongest reasons for believing in the inalienable greatness of the future of the district.

Although all available cleared land in the district is under cultivation there are still large areas which when cleared would yield handsome returns as good prices are realized for all farm produce and a market is assured. The average prices are:

Hay, per ton	\$20.00
Oats, per ton	\$35.00
Potatoes, (8 tons to acre), per ton.....	\$20.00
Butter	30c to 35c
Eggs	25c to 50c
Beef and Hogs (on 4.02)	7c to 9c

There is not at the present time sufficient produce produced by the farmers to supply the local needs and thousands of dollars worth are imported annually. The amount of such supplies from distant points is, however, steadily decreasing and with the clearing and settlement of the lands, which is to be prosecuted by the C. P. R. and other companies, and the increased production of all kinds of crops the day will come when this section will be supplied altogether with home produce.

In a climate where flowers are in bloom for nine months of the year it is easy to imagine the great possibilities of increased production over a country that is frozen up for six months in the year. All kinds of berries, fruits and vegetables produce abundantly, the grain crops and those upon which depend the raising of



stock are heavy yielders, and every avenue of agricultural life is carried on extensively.

The price of land in this locality varies from \$15 to \$200 per acre and although the latter figure would seem at first glance