

On a supposed "run out" farm, taken over a few years back by an experienced farmer from Norfolk, after several seasons' judicious working, returned nearly 26 tons carrots, 25 tons turnips, 12 tons potatoes and 3 tons hay per acre. All kinds of vegetables are very successfully raised, and in all cases where proper attention is given, heavy yields are made. As to fertilizers at hand it is often possible to secure large hauls of seaweed off the beaches, of which excellent use is made on both large and small holdings. A great number of examples could be cited, but any practical man can judge from other details given as to the opportunities in different branches of farming. It is only right to state, however, that the price of feed here is high. The farmer, therefore, who expects to make money out of stock must adopt modern scientific methods of farming. He must grow clover and other forage crops for chickens and give them a good run, must depend less on cereals and more on green food and vegetables from his own place. Further, he must adopt the now generally known and approved plan of raising crops and feeding and fattening stock for sale and not fall into the old error of raising grain, etc., for sale, and so impoverishing the land and putting nothing back on it.



Sheep In Clover

Group of Opinions.—A group of opinions from residents will not be without interest. Why is this district well adapted for sheep, fruit and poultry? an old resident was asked:—

"Because we are, in the first place, situated at the most South-westerly point of Vancouver Island and have a light rainfall, but sufficient, less frost in winter than any other part and snow seldom lies long, stock thus being left out to graze all the year round. The land is cut up into valleys and has a natural fall towards the salt water; nowhere do you find big flat areas, and after heavy rainfall, water, even in winter, does not lie long. There is no need of expensive buildings for stock, as there are no extremes in temperature nor hot summer weather, but always tempered by breezes off the sea."

In another case:

"Irrigation is not necessary. No need to fear you will lose half your stock by sudden drop in thermometer, and I can be sure of finding my way from my barns to my house."