

is now accomplished, and there are many who have made the trip. And that remarkable lady journalist, Miss Flora Shaw, of the London *Times*, established a record in arriving at Dawson one month only after leaving London, and she could have even done better, but unfortunately, upon reaching Bennett, the steamer *Ora* had just sailed, and so she was obliged to wait for the next boat, and was thus delayed three days."

quite romantically situated beneath the overshadowing mountains, and here are the two passes of the Chilcoot and White, respectively, leading to Lake Bennett. To specify briefly the distinctive advantages of these two passes, it is generally admitted that the Chilcoot is the shorter and easier trail to travel on foot. The whole distance is not more than 29 miles, and the walking is fairly good all the way, but in some places on the road the



1. The Experimental Farm, Agassiz, B.C.

2 and 3. Farming in Vicinity of Vancouver.

4. Lord Aberdeen's Fruit Farm at Vernon, B.C.

"The conditions *en route*? Yes, I am coming to that. The first part of the journey from the coast cities to the twin towns of the Lynn Canal—Skagway and Dyea—has been, I think, described before, so I will only remark that it is a most delightful four days' voyage by the well equipped C.P.R. and C.P.N. steamers. The scenery is most perfect, the countless small islands rising out of the sea, and the icebergs and glaciers being picturesque in the extreme, with an Italian sky overhead, and the deep blue of the sea. One enjoys the scenic effects none the less, I can assure you, because at this season of the year the sea is like a pond, and one is therefore not made wretched

with even a mild attack of *mal de mer*, and then the further north you travel, strange to say, the milder and finer is the weather."

"On arriving at Lynn Canal, the 'cities' of Skagway and Dyea can be distinguished—both

big boulders make it bad going for pack animals. The White Pass, on the other hand, is preferred for packing, and the grades are certainly much easier than those of the Chilcoot. A very general practice is to send one's outfit by way of the White Pass, and take the Chilcoot for the tramp, as both trails converge at Bennett. Soon, however, it will

not be necessary to walk at all, for ere long the shrill whistle of the locomotive will disturb the stern silence of the mountains in this grim north-land. Even now several thousand men with pick and shovel are laying the steel rails, and twelve of the fifty-mile road is already built, trains having been running over this section for some weeks past. The railway, after

leaving Skagway, follows the bed of the river, and then heavy blasting begins, and the road is literally built through solid rock, all along the right bank of the Skagway River."



Farm at Chilliwack, B.C.