

dependent for life. This statement is amply borne out in the Yakima Valley, Wash., where to-day cultivated fruit lands bring as high as \$3,000 and \$4,000 per acre, based on the value of the crops. It is said of the settlers in this fertile and favored land that 90 % of them could afford to take an annual trip to Europe.

ATTRACTIVENESS OF THE OUTDOOR LIFE

¶ It is an accepted truth that a pendulum cannot continue to swing forever in one direction. So it is in the matter of human existence. The wonderful industrial development of our generation has resulted in centering a large proportion of the population in cities. The results have been competition, with severe mental and physical strain, and a general reduction of health and vitality. Thinking men in consequence are turning their attention to the land, where they see an opportunity of acquiring a competence by healthful and profitable occupation and an encouraging future for their families. There is no branch of agriculture which appeals so forcibly to the average man as fruit farming. Grain growing may afford a quicker return in the first year or two, but this necessitates living on the prairies, perhaps far from neighbors and civilization, and facing all the rigors of the winter season which practically lasts six months.

¶ Fruit farming, on the other hand, requires a much smaller tract of land, ten acres in fruit being a sure and ample income producer, while the system of colonizing creates a community from the inception. Then again the winters are unusually mild, the thermometer rarely going below zero, and the season seldom extends over four months. The cultivation of the land is easy once it has been cleared, and the interest aroused in the growth of the young trees is quite simple to understand. Summing up all the factors in the question, it may be asserted without fear of contradiction that no occupation in British Columbia to-day holds out such promise of success to the intelligent and industrious man who selects the proper location, as that of fruit growing.



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