

bright and sunny during a great part of the year. In winter, as a rule, the temperature is not low, rarely falling to 10 degrees below zero at Upper Country points, and 10 above, or 20 degrees frost on the Coast.

MARKETS.

Market conditions in this Province are good, and poultry produce finds a more ready sale on our home markets than elsewhere in Canada. There is, however, great room for improvement in methods of marketing poultry and eggs. There is always a scarcity of properly-fleshed chickens and of fresh eggs on the market, and this, together with the price of eggs and the imports of poultry produce into the Province bears out the statement that our market is good. In this connection I wish to present some figures bearing on market conditions:—

In 1904-5 the average market price paid per dozen for eggs was 30 cents.

In 1905-6, the average price was 34 cents.

In 1906-7, " " 37 "

In 1907-8, " " 40 "

The reason for this increase in price is accounted for in that eggs have been marketed in a fresher, cleaner condition, that they have been better packed, and also that fewer case eggs have been imported into the Province. The Province uses not only all her available supply of poultry and poultry produce, but during 1907 imported \$750,000 worth of eggs and \$1,500,000 worth of poultry and poultry produce from the Eastern Provinces. Also there was imported about \$75,000 worth of poultry produce from the United States. Instead of sending out of the Province over \$2,000,000 every year, we should be exporting the produce and importing the cash.

STARTING IN BUSINESS.

To the man who wishes to make a business of poultry-raising, to raise superior birds from a commercial standpoint, British Columbia offers inducements such as few other provinces in the Dominion. To such persons as wish to enter such a business, it is advisable that they start in a small, inexpensive way, and as success is met with, the business and the plant may be enlarged. There are