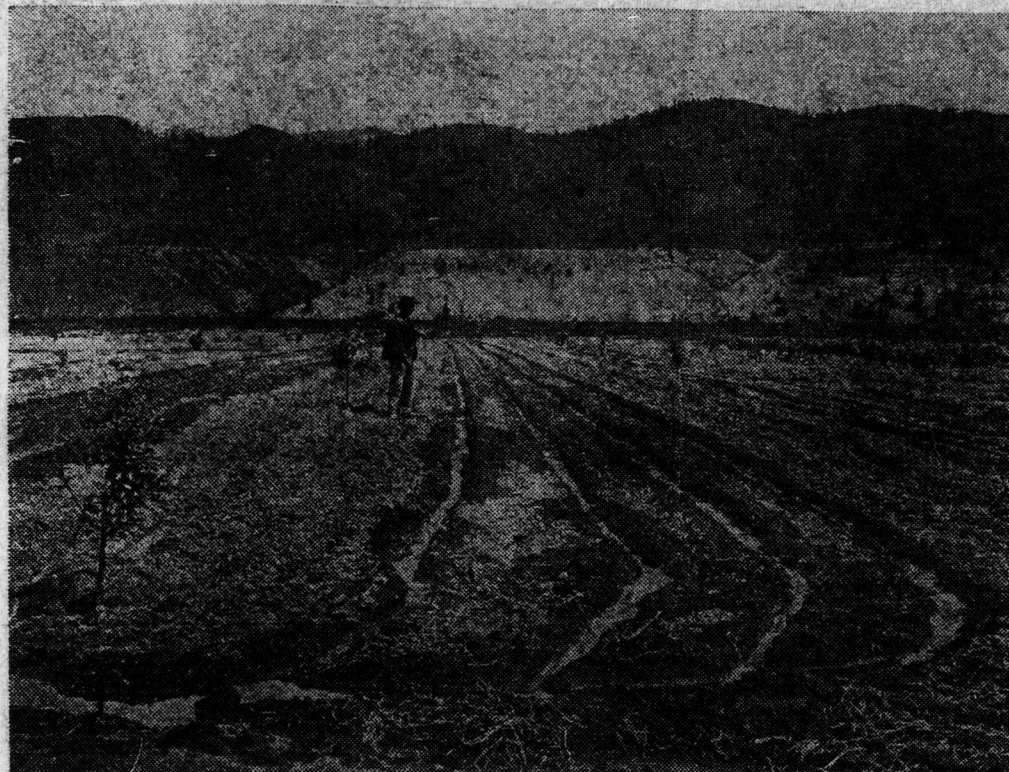


The Story of a Great Local Enterprise



Irrigating Young Trees

It is a peculiarity immensely to the advantage of the properties contained in this region that while the orchard trees are growing, vegetables of all sorts and of incomparable quality may be successfully cultivated—sufficient to support the settler comfortably and also to leave a residue for profitable sale. On the benches above the irrigated fruitlands area, hay grows readily and without attention, while stock flourish amazingly. Chicken ranching, dairying, etc., may naturally be expected to speedily take their place among the subordinate industries of the district. The Walachin poultry ranch, which is at the eastern end of the townsite, is already well established and thriving satisfactorily. A large crop of potatoes is to be shipped this summer, and it is estimated that the acreage under crop will yield some two thousand tons, a goodly portion of the land being virgin soil. The thousands of acres under fruit trees, potatoes, grain and hay demand the employment of a very large permanent staff of workmen, independent of those engaged in the irrigation works; and with three camps engaged in completing the big ditch on the north bank of the river, the payroll at Walachin is incidentally greatly benefiting the business community of Ashcroft, which is at present the nearest important town.

Walachin consisted last year of but the manager's residence, the store, and the company's bunkhouse; today it is a busy and prosperous community. Manager Barnes has just completed a handsome residence for his own occupancy, and three other commodious new homes and a large garage are now in process of completion. While the Walachin Hotel is ready for the reception of guests—an ideal



Fruit and Agricultural Operations at Walachin

house, Lord Kitchener proposes to have this collection systematically catalogued and valued by experts.

Beyond obtaining this house, he has made

his time; and it may be that this is what he will now do.

Unlike many other of our leading soldiers, Lord Kitchener has no liking whatever for literature in any shape or form, so that this is not likely to take up much of his time.

A short time ago, a leading firm of London publishers approached him, and offered him practically his own terms to write his biography; but he declined, laughingly explaining that it was quite impossible for him to write a single page that would be of the slightest interest to anybody.—M.A.P.

THE POINT OF VIEW

No man's opinions can be free from some kind of prejudice, conscious or unconscious. Two rich men, says a writer in the Philadelphia Ledger, were conversing. Both had retired from active business, and both, as befitted their stations in life, were commiserating over the things that money would not buy, and seeking a remedy for the evils which seemed to threaten their hard-earned assets and their serene enjoyment of their declining years.

"It seems to me that something or other will have to be done some time," said one.

"I believe you are right," said the other. "I have been thinking of writing a magazine article or two, setting forth my views on the subject."

"What a coincidence! So have I. What are you going to write about?"

"The unequal distribution of wealth and how to remedy it. Do you think that is a good subject?"

"Capital! What attitude are you going to take?"

"I am going to take the attitude that a more equitable distribution of wealth would not come amiss, and I think I know how to remedy it."

"Good! What is your remedy?"

"Well, in the first place, it would never do to disturb a man of wealth during his lifetime."

"Of course not!"

"On the other hand, however, I think it is a bad thing for young people to have large fortunes left them. Money not earned is not appreciated."

"That's true."

"Accordingly, I am going to take the stand that all property should revert to the state at the death of the man who amassed it. What do you think of that?"

"Won't do at all."

"Why not?"

"Um—ah—well—you see, I have children."

demonstrated in the most practical manner possible, it may be mentioned that, roughly speaking, no less a sum than \$250,000 was invested before the return of a first earned dol-



General View of the Walachin Estate

thoritatively proven varieties of apples. Conditions are also favorable, although in lessened degree, for the successful cultivation of peaches, pears and plums. The first and nearest market will naturally be found in the towns and cities of the adjacent prairie provinces, the secondary (but far from a less important) market, being England. Five hundred families, it is expected, will in the working out of the company's project, be placed upon the land, these settlers being principally recruited in England, and retired army and naval officers constituting a very appreciable proportion of the total. These latter find the new country pronouncedly to their liking, and quickly adapt themselves to their new surroundings and the requirements of substantial business success.

Basing the average yield upon careful experimenting and analyses of the soil conditions, it is estimated that when the entire acreage of the Estate has been brought under full-bearing fruit trees, its exports will return no less a revenue annually than \$2,000,000, which estimate works out to an average yearly income of \$4,000 from a 10-acre fruit farm, all picking, packing, marketing and commission charges deducted. In order to facilitate the shipments, which must become extensive in the near future, the C. P. R. has constructed all necessary sidings, and will very shortly erect a large fruit warehouse with all up-to-date requirements and facilities for handling the crop in the most expeditious manner. The Canadian Northern main line is also to traverse the estate, upon which it, too, will necessarily have a station, competitive shipping facilities being thus practically guaranteed. Walachin is but 220 miles from busy Vancouver, which also must be a ready buyer for some considerable portion of its more perishable products.

As already briefly indicated, the settlement of the Estate is being chiefly accomplished by enlistment of the interests of the better class of new-home-seeking English, for whose especial benefit a well studied educational campaign is being conducted in England, those thereby attracted having the practical advice from the outset of Mr. Redmayne, the distinguished horticulturist and author of the authoritative textbook on "Fruit Farming in the Dry Belt of British Columbia." Mr. Redmayne has his headquarters at the London offices of the company. Illustrating the unbounded confidence in the fruit-growing potentialities of the provincial dry-belt, which the British Columbia Development Association has

lar was obtained—invested for the substantial development and upbuilding of a very important section of British Columbia in land-purchase, irrigation works, machinery, labor in cultivation, tree planting, etc.

tourist hotel, built, furnished and managed with especial recognition of the requirements of the better class of tourists and rest and recreation seekers. Good taste is evidenced both in the architecture of the establishment and its furnishing; the large dining-room overlooks the orchards, and from the open balcony on the northern side, a charming panorama of the Thompson river is unfolded. Spacious billiard, smoking, card and sitting-rooms occupy the eastern wing, while the hot and cold water system, lighting, and such creature comforts of civilization have all received due attention. Aside from the specially interesting industries of the Estates, the district is an attractive one for tourists in that it affords exceptional facilities for the lover of field sport, prairie chickens abounding, together with ducks and geese in their season, an abundance of mule deer in the encircling hills, and not a few worthy bear for the hunter who seeks adventure in his pursuit of sport.

LORD KITCHENER'S FUTURE

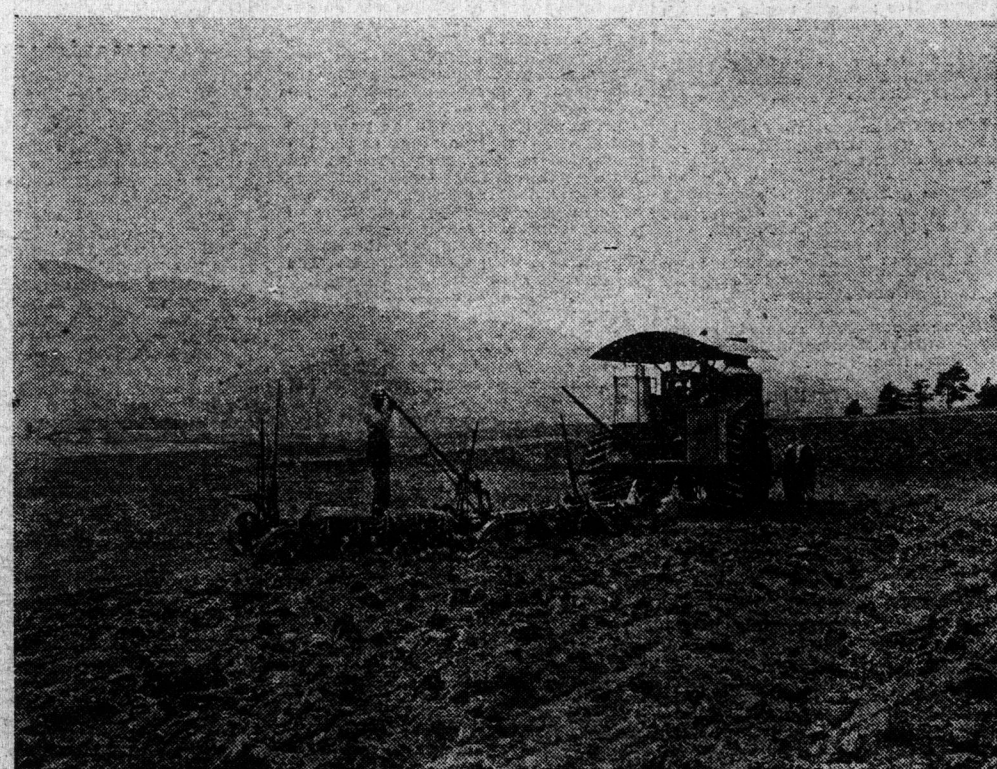
Lord Kitchener is quite reconciled to a period of idleness from military employment, and is now seeking a house where he can take up his permanent residence. This will be somewhere within easy reach of London, and will be surrounded by large gardens. One of Kitchener's favorite pastimes is gardening, and he hopes to be able to give full play to this in the future.

He also proposes to provide a permanent home for his large and extremely valuable collection of old china. This collection is especially rich in specimens of Eastern pottery ware, and received some considerable additions when he visited China and Japan a short time ago. So soon as he has obtained his

absolutely no plans for the future; but some years ago he informed a group of friends that, in the event of his ever being without military employment, he might turn to the City for something with which to occupy his mind and



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