

is getting out timber, and the prospective farmer who is clearing new land of logs and stumps for future cultivation. His family supports the local school and church, the local store-keeper and trades. He is the nucleus of the small community which civilizes the wild and gives the countryside that social friendliness which is the charm of older countries.

As a rule the intensive cultivation of from 20 to 40 acres requires more work than one man can do, unless assisted by his family. It follows then that the bigger holdings are gradually breaking up into smaller, more compact farms of 80 acres and less which makes for better social conditions, a brighter and closer-knit homelife.



RESIDENCE OF COUNCILLOR M. Z. MELANDER

One of the cosy homes of the Matsqui municipality, which has been built on ground formerly covered with heavy forest.

PLENTY OF FRUIT FOR THE HOME

There is no well-defined line of demarcation between the various phases of agricultural pursuits in the Matsqui Municipality. The big dairyman, whose sole business of life is more milk and cream, will have a well-trimmed orchard beside the house, rows of berries and small fruits, a few hives of bees, and a chicken coop; while the expert fruit grower shipping fancy berries to Vancouver or the North West Territories will have his family cow and a few other live-stock for household supplies and to maintain the fertility of the soil.

There is every opportunity for the specialist in every direction from thorough-bred cattle to bee-keeping and the raising of nursery stock, and evidence enough of the successful carrying out of these specialized enterprises, but the major portion of the landowners mix