

8 OPPORTUNITIES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

	From Canadian Provinces	From Outside Canada
Live Stock.....	\$6,661,480	\$ 626,653
Dairy Produce.....	3,041,290	2,043,861
Meats.....	2,490,735	1,627,275
Fruits and Vegetables....	None	725,565
Eggs.....	1,203,212	1,170,579
Honey.....	12,562	20,339
Hay.....	7,197,930	285,980
Grain.....	No returns	229,944
Nursery Stock.....	None imported	50,246
Canned Meats, Jams, etc.	296,600	291,844
Malt.....	No returns	42,056
Hops.....	No returns	19,435

MANUFACTURES. Returns of the Dominion Census Office give the value of Manufactures in British Columbia at \$19,447,778 in 1900, and \$65,204,235 in 1910, an increase of 254.95%.

MARKETS. A rapidly growing home market will take all the produce which can be raised in the province for many years. The Prairie Provinces afford a good market for fruits and vegetables at remunerative prices. A profitable trade can be developed with Australia, New Zealand, China and Japan. See also under "Panama Canal." Fruits and hops are shipped to Great Britain.

PANAMA CANAL. The economic advantages of this canal to British Columbia and to Western Canada generally will be enormous. The distance from Plymouth to Victoria by the Panama Canal is 8,500 miles; by Cape Horn, 15,180; by the Suez Canal, 15,560; by Cape of Good Hope, 18,870. From Gibraltar to Victoria the distance by the Panama Canal is 8,400; by Cape Horn, 13,300. Vancouver and Victoria will become, much more than they are now, ports of call for vessels between Europe and the Orient, which will leave some of the world's cargoes and take, in return, fish, minerals, timber, coal, wheat and fruit. Railway experts state that, taking into consideration the saving of time on the Great Lakes Route as against the Panama Route, the freight rates on grain via the Pacific Coast and Panama and the rate via Fort William and all-water route to Europe, will about equalize at Calgary. British Columbia lumber dealers estimate that the canal will enable them to ship to England at a cost of \$8 per thousand feet for freight, as against the present cost of \$16.

POPULATION. According to the Dominion Census, the population of British Columbia was 178,657 in 1901. In