

FRUIT GROWING IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.



FIG. 1095.—From a Photo of a Cherry Tree, seven years planted, on ground of M. J. HENRY, Vancouver, B. C.

FRUIT growing in British Columbia can be made very profitable if the settler has means enough to properly clear the land and live until he can get returns from his plantation of fruits, which means an expense of \$200 to \$400 per acre for clearing, and his living for two or three years until his fruits begin to bear.

Nearly every variety of plums and prune grow to perfection here, but there are only five or six varieties that I would plant for profit.

Cherries do equally as well, and bring good prices, especially the Gen. Wood, Yellow Spanish, May Duke, Royal Ann and Black Tartarian. Seven years ago, my friend, Daniel VanWyck, of Ridgeville, Ont., sent me some suckers of the common sour cherry, which have now grown into bearing trees,

and have proved to be one of our best preserving cherries, selling readily at 10c. per pound, growing larger fruit than they did in Pelham and perfectly free from black-knot or worms.

Very few apples grow to perfection in this lower part of British Columbia, near the salt water. I grow good Yellow Transparent, Maiden's Blush, Wealthy, Duchess of Oldenburg, Talman Sweet and King. Baldwin and Ben Davis yield and keep well, but do not color up nicely. The Dutch Mignonne and Little Romanite, I notice do well in neighbors' orchards. Around Lytton and Armstrong, in the upper country, they grow the finest apples I ever saw.

Nearly all the English gooseberries mildew badly with us, but the Downing and Oregon Champion are free from it so far and yield immense crops.

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