

settlers to Kootenay. What effect will their coming have upon the community in particular and the country as a whole?

The effects are already becoming evident. It is only a few years since this new immigration movement began to be felt, but already the results are most beneficial to all classes of the community. The money, the fruit grower makes is put into circulation in the community in which he resides. Contrast this with the large profits made by some of the big mining companies which go largely into the hands of foreign shareholders.

With the advent of the new era the Kootenay is becoming a land of homes. The transitory conditions in most of the mining camps have never been conducive to the building or buying of homes. A vein may pinch out; there may be a drop in the metal market; a strike may come on; and various other contingencies may make employment uncertain.

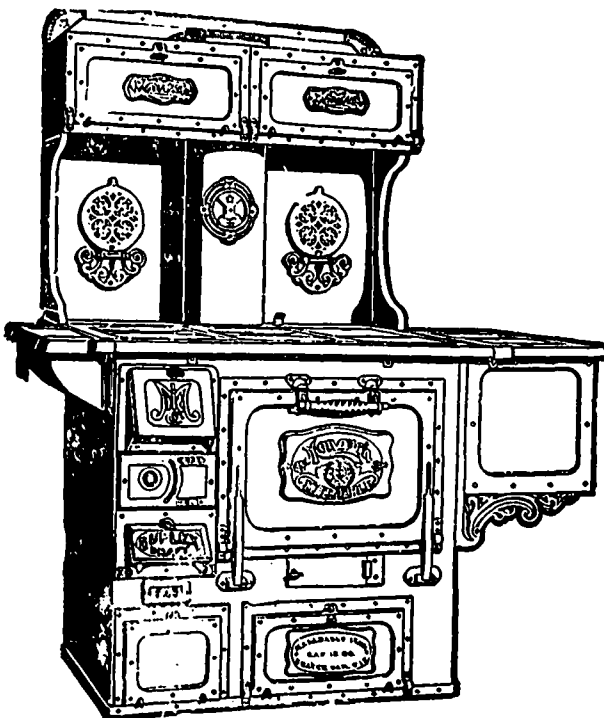
Not so with the fruit grower, however. His operations are confined to the location he has selected; and very naturally he goes to a good deal of trouble to beautify his home and surroundings.

The physical features of Kootenay are such that they very easily lend themselves to the blending of that scenic beauty which so delights the eye of the tourist. Beautiful lakes, and foaming rivers and creeks are numerous; and fruit growers prize and appreciate a lake-shore location. Several years ago Earl Grey was so charmed with the locations on Kootenay Lake that he bought a fruit farm for himself and one for his son. In a letter published a few months ago he intimates his intention of bringing his family out next year and camping for a month or so on a beautiful spot he discovered along the trail between Argenta and Athelmer which he travelled over during the summer just passed.

At the close of the strawberry season of 1907, even the most enthusiastic Kootenaians were compelled to sit up and take notice when Mr. O. J. Wiggen, of Creston, gave out a statement that he had sold over four thousand three hundred dollars worth of strawberries off four acres of land. It sounds like a Cobalt story or a tale of the Arabian knights. But it is a sample of a few of

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