

FLIES.

Various species of flies (particularly the deer or horse fly and the mosquito) are very numerous in the summer months. Mr. Cadenhead, Halfway River, stated to me that the deer-flies were often so plentiful as to make it impossible to work with horses during certain parts of the summer except in the early morning or late evening. For this reason the fall of the year is much the best time to travel through this country.

GOPHERS.

To one who is well acquainted with the Prairies, the entire absence of ground animals in this agricultural section is a notable thing, no gophers, etc., being found. I mention this fact, leaving the reason to be assumed.

TRAPPING.

This section is a rather good game section, and many of the homesteaders make good money trapping or trading with trappers throughout the winter. Bears are particularly plentiful, and reports are to the effect that it is a good fox country.



"Nahna Meadows." Just east of Pouce Coupe P.O., Peace River country, B.C.

LEADER NEEDED.

One thing that particularly impressed itself upon me, principally in the Pouce Coupe Valley, was the apparent utter absence of a "leader." There appears to be no one man who is able to hold any number of the people together for any purpose, and there would be an excellent opportunity for a wideawake district representative. However, it would seem to be utter nonsense to recommend the appointment of a District Agriculturist until a railroad is advanced into the district, but when such a time comes I feel that such a one could accomplish very much, as there appears to be excellent material upon which to work, and as there are many productive farms something definite could be done.

ALONG THE PEACE.

From Hudson Hope to Fort St. John, on the south side of the Peace River, the hills are thickly wooded, but on the north they present alternating patches of open land and woods. A few homesteaders are found at various points, as the Red River, Halfway River, Cache Creek, and Deep Creek, and the soil is excellent at these points, but is confined principally to river-bottoms or first benches. The