

no point are we beyond a drive of a few hours into Victoria. Telephones connect many parts. But a system of rural telephones would be a great convenience. Electric lights can now be had at Colwood and wires will soon be laid to Albert Head and other sections. There is a bi-weekly mail service with every prospect of more frequent mail. Residents here will not be satisfied until there is a daily mail service.



Colwood Hall

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Market and Prices.—A word about market and prices. These are providentially questions which never worry the settler here. He knows there is a market for everything he produces and he knows that everything he produces will fetch a good price. Victoria is the market and there is not nearly enough of anything, fruit, vegetables, mutton, eggs, butter, poultry, etc., to supply even the City, sent in from all the adjoining districts. And above and beyond in the great North which will, for many years, have to get its supplies from the more settled districts, not to mention the great quantities required by the hundreds of steamers, schooners, etc., making this a purchasing point.

Average Crop.—A detail the practical farmer will want to know, is the average crop, per acre, of the following:

Hay	2 to 3 tons
Wheat	35 bushels
Oats	40 bushels
Carrots	18 to 20 tons
Turnips	16 to 20 tons
White Carrots	Often 24 tons
Potatoes	Very heavy crops