

AGRICULTURE AND FRUIT GROWING.

A remarkable fact about British Columbia is that whenever water can be got on the land it will grow anything. The soil is exceptionally fertile, and much of the bench land is suitable for small farming and fruit growing. The valley of the Columbia, between Revelstoke and Arrowhead, on both sides of the river, will one day be densely peopled, when the lumberman has removed the timber and the farmer can take his place. The other valleys east, west and north will fill up with settlers.

TOURIST ATTRACTIONS.

Revelstoke is destined to become the great tourist centre of the mountains of British Columbia—the Switzerland of America. The city possesses excellent hotel accommodation. The Canadian Pacific Railway Company's trains run twice daily east and west during the summer months and there is a daily service each way for the rest of the year. The C. P. R. also run a daily service from Revelstoke to South Kootenay points, with a first-class steamship service on the Arrow Lakes.

To the east are the aspiring summits of the Selkirk mountains, the Mecca of mountaineers. Many of these peaks have never yet been conquered by Alpine climbers. North and south of the railway line are great glaciers and ice-fields, Rogers Pass being the gateway through the maze of peaks.

In Cougar Basin, two miles north of the railway line, are the caves discovered last fall by C. Deuchman. The subterranean caverns are supposed to extend for miles, and are most interesting to the tourist who loves nature's wildest grandeur.

Apart from the caves there is no prettier spot in the mountains at which to spend a midsummer holiday than Cougar Basin. The view on all sides is magnificent, the ground is carpeted with lovely flowers of all shades and hues, several of the mountain peaks afford an easy climb, rewarded by a magnificent panorama of mountain and glacier which the eye can never forget.

At Albert Canyon, famous in itself, is a hot spring and a soda spring. The Waverley wagon road takes the tourist by an easy means of travel 28 miles into the heart of the mountains.

From Glacier and Rogers Pass branch out trails to the most interesting points.

At Rogers Pass C. D. Morris's private hotel affords first-class accommodation, and in Glacier House the C. P. R. have provided a first-class hotel capable of accommodating 200 guests. Swiss guides are also available for those wishing to climb the mountain peaks or traverse the glaciers.

To the west, Revelstoke is the gateway of the Eagle Pass, with its series of charming lakes. At Sicamous are the Shuswap Lakes where the tourist may spend weeks of enjoyable boating and fishing. From this point the Sicamous and