

for which the valley is eminently suited. A creamery has already been established.

Alberni offers a very profitable and happy future to the lover of the orchard. Of the larger varieties of fruit, plums, prunes and cherries have given marvellous returns with great regularity, and seem highly adapted to the soil and climate. Peaches, when grown on sheltered, southern aspects, are magnificent in size and colour, and luscious to taste. Apples, where looked after, have always been heavy croppers, with large, well-coloured fruit. As the fruit-growing industry develops, a canning plant will be a necessity, if the great West Coast trade is to be held by local producers—this same plant might be utilised in winter as a pork-packing establishment. To the man with from five to ten acres for small fruit farming, Alberni offers exceptional inducements. The conditions of drought, which are so fatal to success in growing small fruit, are rarely met with, the rainfall in May and June tending to form large, well-developed fruit.

In Alberni, locked in, an ocean port, with limited hinterland, the expert market gardener will find an El Dorado, and poultry-raising, conducted in a systematic way, would prove to be a profitable business, as the climate is favourable to a continuous supply of winter eggs. Hog-raising, too, is a profitable source of revenue.

That there is a future in Alberni, with her wonderful climate and natural resources, for the man with the pluck to clear the land, though not necessarily in large amounts, needs no argument. Future success will be in holdings of from five to twenty acres, worked to their full capacity by a system of soiling, with fruit and poultry as companion revenue makers, and a home market for all that can be produced. As in most things, though, it is the man behind the tool who will bring about success or failure.

FISHING INDUSTRY.

In addition to the business of salmon canning, there is another industry lying dormant, which will undoubtedly spring to active life with the completion of the railway to Alberni. It is the catching of fish on the banks off Barkley Sound and Clayoquot, and shipping them fresh direct by refrigerator car from Alberni. It is a well-known fact that there are immense and practically untouched fishing grounds off the West Coast of Vancouver Island, where halibut, cod, herring, shad and other fish abound. With an unlimited supply of fish, a short journey to the railroad, a through refrigerator car system and a ready market in the East, we have combined the elements of a highly profitable industry.

METALLIC MINERALS.

Ores of copper occur in many places on both sides of the Alberni Canal, on Barkley Sound, and at the head of Alberni Valley. In many instances they appear to exist in promising quantities, and the values are high. Several shipments yielding good returns have been made from a number of prospects in this district. The location of these properties is unequalled. They are nearly all in close proximity to deep tidal water; there is ample water-power available, and an unlimited supply of timber for all mining purposes. The climate is such that mining operations may be carried on throughout the year. A huge mountain of low-grade copper ore has been discovered just beyond Great Central Lake, and is only awaiting capital and transportation facilities for its proper development.