



GOVERNMENT AGENT'S OFFICE.

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Sir:-

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th Sept: last .

It is rather difficult to answer your letter as there are so many different localities that would be suitable for a man with your means to start a mixed farm in .

This particular District is admirably situated and adapted for mixed farming and fruit growing , but nearly all the land has to be cleared and in some places the clearing is quite heavy .

Land can be pre-empted in this District the procedure for which you will find in the copy of the land Act that I am sending under separate cover ,but there is not anyn land open for pre-emption in the immediate neighbourhood of Alberni , but at Clayoquot there is plenty also at Ucluelet and San Josef :

Lans can be bought in this district for \$ 5 .00 per acre up to \$500.00 according to situation ,quality of soil & amount of clearing required. There is a good market for any and everything that you can raise. You can travel all over this Island at any time of the year ,but from March to November will be the best time.

It is impossible to give the cost of clearing land as it all depends upon the kind of land you have to clear and the manner in which you go about it ,but about \$100.00 pear ~~xxxxxx~~ acre is a fair average here.

Rough lumber sells at about \$17 per mil, horses from \$50.00 to \$400.00 Cows from \$20.00 and up , pigs from \$2.50. per head, harrows about \$18.

Waggons gears only about \$50.00, cultivators ., plows etc at about the same rate ,say from \$12.50 upwards, hens about 50¢ a piece.

We do not have any snow here to speak of ,but the rainfall during the winter is rather heavy ,the highest degree of temperature is