

Kaslo, B.C. 22nd Novr/09

(Personal)

Dear Sir,

Pardon my supplementing the enclosed letter, but thought perhaps, I might be able to give you a little more information than the Government Agent is able to give, and as I am a B.C. enthusiast would like to see good settlers come in.

As this country around here is very mountainous it is not well adapted for mixed farming, but it is A.1 fruit-growing country, our apples, cherries and plums are very hard to beat, and our Gravenstein apples quite famous. Land has to be cleared, and costs generally about \$100.00 per acre to clear, perhaps, a little less if a quantity done at one time. If planted in 1-year old apple trees they begin to bear at about 4 years, commercially 6 years. This town is situated on Kootenay Lake, about 70 miles long, has steamboat connection twice daily. Nelson is nearest important town, around which there is also much fruit land being taken up. The locality is perfectly free from horse thieves, etc. Poultry farms are a good investment when well run as there is always good demand for them, and fresh eggs range from 35¢ in Summer to 75¢ and 80¢ in Winter. Hens from \$1.00 up, according to season. What roads there are around here are good. Temperature in Summer about 70 to 80 highest, and does not exceed about 11 below zero in winter, which is quite exceptional. Snow fall is quite heavy and is generally off the ground by end of March - depends on the season. The heavy snow fall is particularly advantageous to fruit trees, keeping the ground moist, and protecting from frost. Labour is expensive \$3.00 per day, and rather scarce. The place is beautifully situated

and excellent fishing to be had in the lake. Good hunting can also be had by going further back into the mountains, bear, wild goat, etc. keeping horses or cows is expensive owing to cost of hay, which has to be imported, and freight is high.

A small wooden house ought to be erected at about from \$200.00 up according to style.

I may say that Mr. A.J. Curle, is land agent here and has some rather nice land up the lake here, and who is a reliable party ~~xxxx~~ would, no doubt, be able to give you further information ~~xxxx~~, or would select a place for you, if you so desired.

Any further information that you would like I should be pleased to try and furnish you with.

Yours truly,

C. M. Fawcett,

(Stenog. & Clerk)