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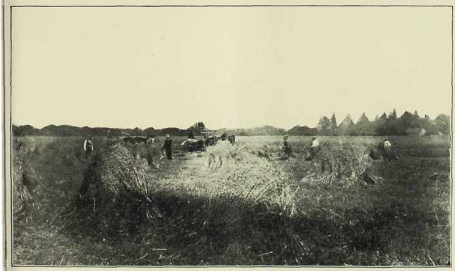
A Few Facts in a Few Words

Regarding the

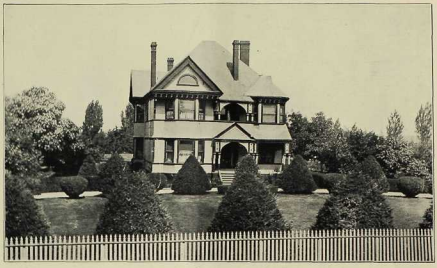
Municipality of Delta, B. C.

THE DELTA MUNICIPALITY

is a level tract of country composed of silt, deposited by the mighty River Fraser on whose south bank it lies, and constitutes the most southerly and western portion of the Mainland of British Columbia. In area it contains about 40,000 acres of land that will, with skill and industry, give the most satisfactory returns. So low-lying is this territory that it was found necessary some twenty years ago to inclose it in a strong dyke to resist the waters of the river and sea, since when it has never known a state of flood, (as it did previously), and the perfect system of drainage now practiced has brought the land to the very highest state of perfection from an Agricultural point of view.



A Delta Harvest Scene



T. E. Ladner's Farm Home

THE EARLY SETTLEMENT

of the district dates back to about the same time that the Cariboo gold rush was exciting the minds of many, but of those who used the Fraser River as a means of reaching the mines, few took notice of the low-lying and at that time marshy tract of land on the south bank of the river, or for a moment dreamt that it would in a comparatively short space of time become one of the Garden districts of Canada. To those few who did, and whose names are today household words in all parts of British Columbia, is due to a great extent the thanks of those who now can boast of living in an Agricultural district second to none in wealth or fertility, and which it is the intention in these few pages to briefly review in picture and print for the benefit of the general public.

A Common Scene in Autumn

THE CLIMATE

is one of the most equitable in the world, the summer temperature never being too hot for comfort, nor the winters colder than those usual in the Southwestern Counties of England; it, in fact, very nearly approximates that experienced in those parts. The rainfall is not so great as that in districts nearer the mountains, and snow seldom stays long enough for the use of sleighs. The prevailing winds are southeast and northwesterly, the former generally being accompanied by rain and the latter by fine, dry, bracing weather.

A Boundary Bay Camp

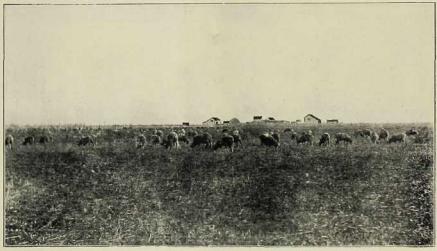
THE CROPS

raised principally are Oats of the very best milling quality; Hay, usually a mixture of Timothy and Alsike Clover; Potatoes, for which the district is famous, together with Mangolds and Turnips for the stock-raiser and dairyman; large quantities of garden truck of all the well-known varieties are also grown. The ever increasing demand for sweet cream and milk by the neighbouring cities of Vancouver and New Westminster tends to a steady business the year round. Poultry and eggs are always in good demand and any attention paid to this branch of farming is well repaid. Draft horses raised in large numbers in the district command a ready sale in Vancouver at prices running into four figures, the demand being always in excess of the supply.

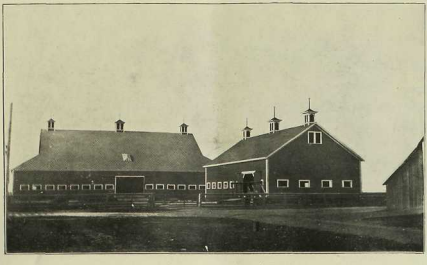
The Farm Home of R. E. Kittson

THE FLORA AND FAUNA

embrace all those common to a temperate and rather humid climate, the snowdrop, as in England, heralds the spring, and the succession of summer flowers are much the same, all hardy and semi-hardy annuals doing well and few of the well known shrubs and trees are never winter killed nor need any protection. Bird life is similar to that found in all parts of Northern America, and wild animals of any kind are practically unknown with the exception of a few deer from the timbered lands adjacent to the district.



1500 Sheep on the Grauer Farm

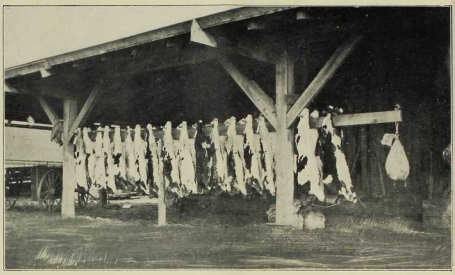


Barns on the Burns' Ranch

LAND VALUES

No boom has ever affected the land values of this district and the prevailing prices, ranging from $350.00 to $600.00 per acre, according to local facilities, represents the intrinsic value of the soil and its capabilities. A study of the following table, keeping in mind the area of the district described, will not only reveal the secret of the price but will also justify it.

Guichon Dairy Cattle

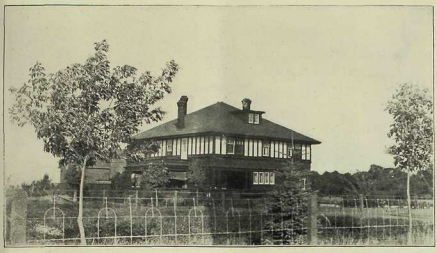


Veal Ready for Market

CROP REPORT FOR YEAR 1911

Hay, 20,000 tons	$ 400,000.00
Grain, 12,500 tons	375,000.00
Potatoes and Roots, 7,000 tons	150,000.00
Milk, 60,000 cans	120,000.00
Eggs, 2,000 cases	16,000.00
Cattle, Sheep, Hogs—150 cars	180,000.00
Horses	100,000.00
Miscellaneous	9,000.00
	$1,350,000.00

Manager's Residence on the 6000-Acre Burns Ranch

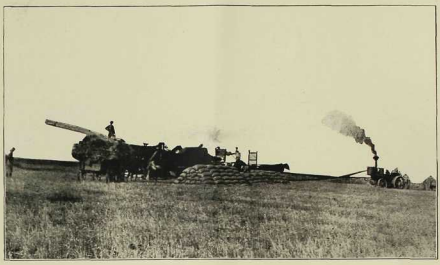


Residence of D. A. McKee

DOMESTIC ANIMALS

of all kinds thrive and the district is noted for the number of prize-winning stock of all kinds that it produces.

Harry Burrs' Farm Home



Threshing Scene in Delta

THE GAME BIRDS

consist of the pheasant, which, imported some years ago, now give splendid sport during the shooting season; the English partridge, a more recent arrival, but multiplying fast under protection; the Canada Crow and Brant goose inhabit the waters and marshes of the rivers and bays, and all kinds of duck common to this hemisphere are numerous, as are also snipe and some of the smaller game birds.

An East Delta Homestead

On the Sands, Boundary Bay

IN BOUNDARY BAY WE HAVE

A Summer Resort and Bathing Beach second to none on the Pacific Coast, and is destined to become very popular with the residents of the nearby cities and visitors to the Coast during the Summer months, and when the cold winds of Winter bring in the wild fowl for shelter the sportsman will find this an ideal spot to furnish food for his gun.

THE VILLAGE OF LADNER

The centre of the trade of Delta Municipality, is prettily situated, and its numerous business houses, together with its comfortable residences standing in spacious grounds with every kind of convenience known to the city dweller, carries out the scheme of harmony and happiness everywhere found on the Delta; and, as if further to testify to the prosperity of every one, the large wharves and warehouses lining the banks of the river, during shipping season are constantly being filled by scores of splendid teams with immense loads. The streets of the village are built of rock, as are nearly all the roads in the Municipality, and the Council see to it that they are always in first-class condition to allow of heavy traffic during the Winter months when the crop is being marketed.

PORT GUICHON

—tributary to and adjoining Ladner—is the Terminus of the Great Northern Railway branch line that serves the district, and has it wharves also and an hotel and store.

Ladner Public School

TRANSPORTATION

facilities are good, both by water and rail, and it is expected in the near future that even these will be much better. At present passenger traffic is by way of ferry to Steveston, and B. C. Electric Railway three times daily in each direction; by Great Northern Railway and river steamers to New Westminster and Vancouver once daily. Freight is handled by train (Great Northern Railway) which runs through the heart of the district, with spur stations every mile for the convenience of the farmers loading cars, and by boat from the various wharves along the river. It is expected that shortly a line will be built to connect with the present Fraser Valley line (B. C. Electric Railway) through the centre of the district; and also another direct to Vancouver across Lulu Island to connect with ferry at Woodwards, which will very materially assist in the quick transportation of perishable freight.

INDUSTRIAL SITES

abound on the banks of the Fraser River and without doubt this will in time become a hive of industry, although at present salmon canning and saw mills are the only ones represented. The advantage of fresh water cannot be too strongly emphasized when one considers the saving in dry-docking for boats, and the fact that the Torredo worm cannot live, and thus the piling for wharves and piers is given a much longer life.

W. A. Kirkland's Modern Farm Home

SOCIAL LIFE

is one of its strong points, all the best known fraternal societies are represented, the churches all have their guilds and societies which are well supported. The district boasts a Lacrosse League of three teams, who play many friendly games during the Spring and Summer. A fine public hall takes care of the many socials, concerts, and balls, held during the Winter. The musical element have a choral society and orchestra to enliven the Winter evenings, and the Farmers' Institute holds lectures and socials to bring all in close touch. The Agricultural Society holds its annual fair early in the Fall, and the Delta Park Driving Association have on the Agricultural grounds one of the best half-mile tracks in B.C.; an Athletic Association trains the youth of the district in the "manly art" and other exercises.

John Weaver's Home

Jubilee Farm—Owned by Mrs. Thos. McNeely

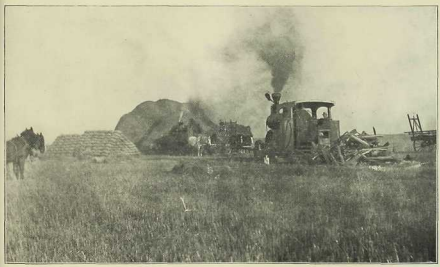
GENERAL UTILITIES

are well provided for throughout the district. A good and permanent supply of water being furnished to every house and field for the use of man and beast. Electric light and power is available on many of the trunk roads as well as in the village of Ladner. Long distance phones connect the district with the outside and the Farmers' phone system makes it possible for all to be in touch with one another and the outside also. The Postal Service is good, there being two deliveries in and two out daily at the main office at Ladner and the country offices, at various points in the municipality, have an adequate service. The School System is possibly the best organized of any in B.C. All the buildings are modern and sanitary; the country is well served, no scholar having more than one and one-half miles to go to school. A site has been secured and a High School is now being erected in the village of Ladner. The Religious life of the community is well looked after by four resident and several visiting clergy, the following denominations having substantial churches in the district: Anglican, Presbyterian (2), Methodist, Baptist, Roman Catholic and Lutheran.

Cutting

THE DELTA COUNCIL

—consisting of a Reeve and five Councillors—form the governing body and are justly proud of the road system, which is of rock and gravel throughout the municipality, the strength of the dykes, the water system, and many other large undertakings. We may add that the road system is second to none in Canada.



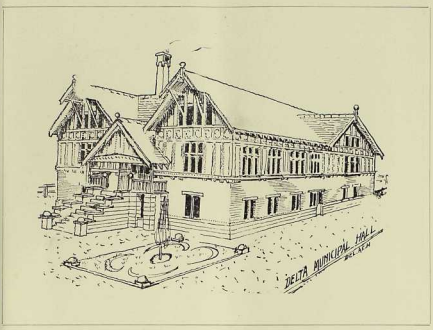
Threshing

"Duazuplease"—Camping Scene

THE DELTA BOARD OF TRADE

composed of the leading and progressive Farmers and Business men of the community, under whose auspices these facts are compiled, vouch for the truth of all statements herein made, and through the Chairman of its Publicity Committee or its Secretary will be pleased to furnish any further information desired, or to answer any questions. The sole aim of this publication is to answer in a straightforward manner the numerous enquiries received by our Board and to give some idea of the beauties and richness of the Garden of British Columbia.

Over 2500 Sacks Ready for Market



Delta Municipal Hall

The Guichon Homestead

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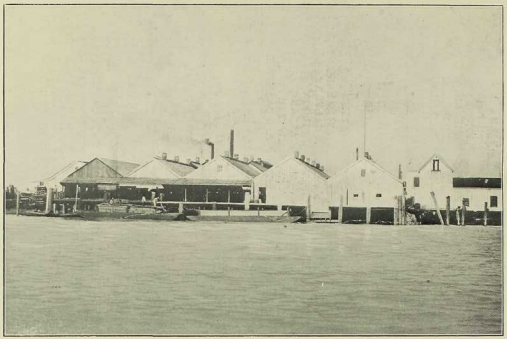

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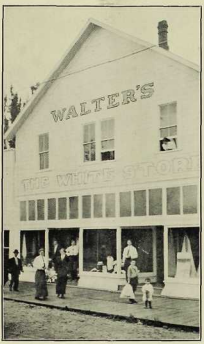

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