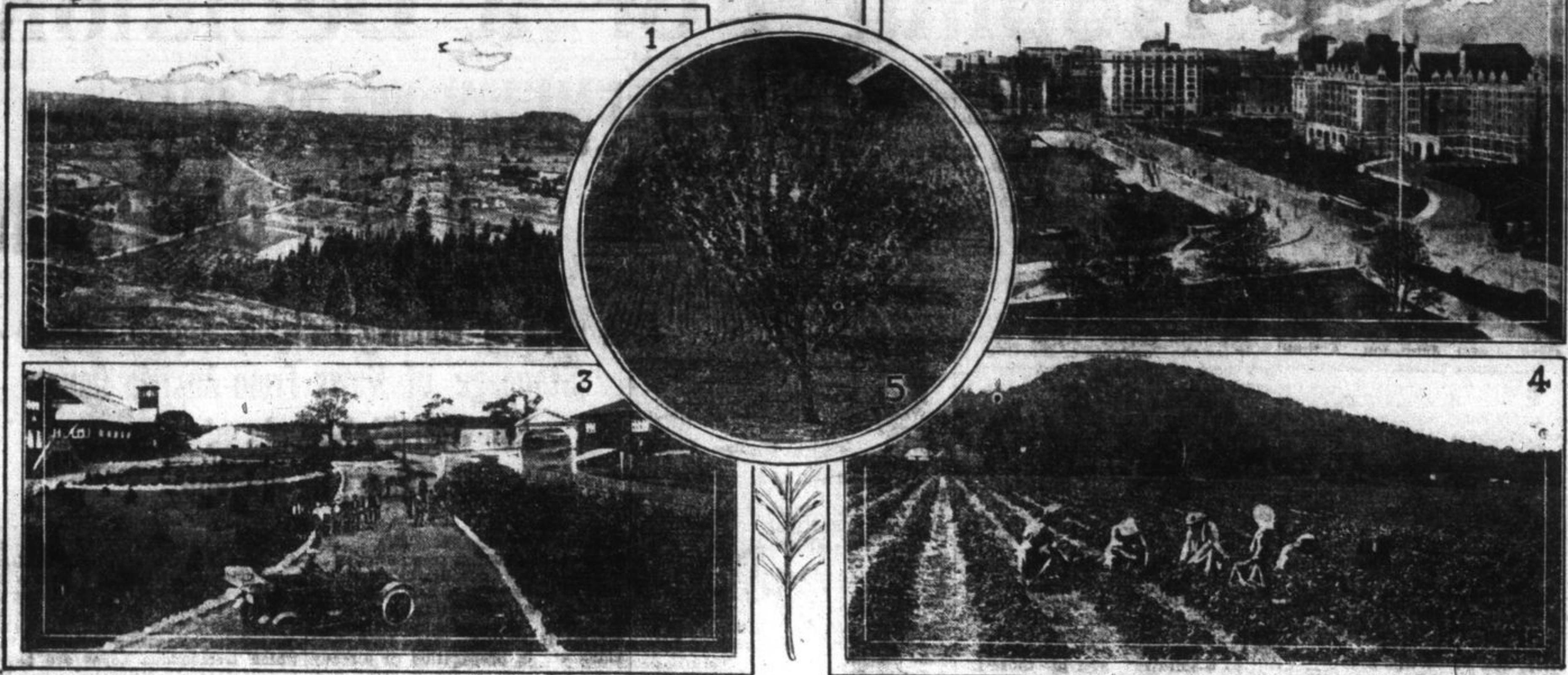


# FRUIT FARMING on VANCOUVER ISLAND



(1) Small farms, from two to ten acres, near Victoria, B.C. (2) Victoria Harbor, showing the Empress Hotel. (3) British Columbia show ground at Victoria. (4) Strawberry picking on Vancouver Island. (5) A small orchard.

In these days, to quote Nelson's old slogan, "England expects every man to do his duty." The agriculturist has a duty to perform, whether he resides on Vancouver Island, or in any other part of the British Empire, which he has probably never seriously thought of. We are often asked, "Will mixed farming pay on Vancouver Island?" Well, that depends; it depends very much upon the farmer himself. In discussing this matter with a man who has farmed on Vancouver Island all his life, and who is one of the very best posted men in the Dominion of Canada, he assured me that he could show how dairying could be made to pay near the city of Victoria. A word in passing might be said about the value of the land suitable for farming near Victoria. People contemplating settlement, say, within ten miles of Victoria, expect to get land at about the price of wheat land in the interior; but this is not a wheat country. Many people claim that they can make as good a living off ten acres near Victoria, as they can off a section in the interior; hence its value to the fruit grower, the small truck farmer, and the poultryman. Vancouver Island has been described as the "Treasurer Island," the "Isle of the Blessed," "The Modern Garden of Eden," and in many other flattering terms. Why? Because it has impressed everyone who has ever visited it with its magnificent scenery, unique situation and ideal climate; not because these conditions lent themselves so much to agricultural pursuits, but because they were ideal conditions under which life was worth living. When one considers the topography and situation of the island, indented as it is almost every five miles by inlets of the sea, with the snow-capped Olympian mountains in the State of Washington on the one side, and the Coast range of mountains on the mainland of British Columbia on the other side, with the As to the possibility of making a living in small farming (for small farming is the only branch of agriculture that is advisable on the southern portion of the island), let us ask ourselves, "Why should not agriculture and horticulture be profitable?" The land that is devoted to agricultural pursuits cannot be surpassed in quality and productiveness in any portion of the continent. There is an average rainfall, and, therefore, irrigation is not necessary. There is an average of five hours' sunshine every day in the year. Prices, even to-day, when we are living under abnormal conditions, when everything is low, and people are living as cheaply and as closely as they can, are such as to indicate to any man who knows anything about small farming, that, if it is not profitable, the fault must lie with the producer. What the small farmer wants to-day is to increase the purchasing power of the people in his nearby city, so that he may cultivate twice as much land as he is cultivating now. He has the same home expenses and almost the same overhead charges as he would have if he kept twice as many hens, double the number of sheep, hogs and cattle, and if he cultivated twice as much land. Will farming pay on Vancouver Island? Certainly it will pay on Vancouver Island, for the farmer has all the natural advantages he could possibly wish for, but it will pay a great deal better if the farmer realizes his own duty to the community in which he lives.

## A MOTOR BUS STRUCK

BY BOMBS FROM GERMAN ZEPPELIN LAST WEEK

Nine Were Killed and Eleven Injured—Other Incidents Showing the "Military" Value of the Hun Attack.

London, Sept. 18.—Here are a few pictures of the effects accomplished by the officers and crew of the last airship which visited the London district, according to an official statement issued by the Home Secretary: "Somewhere in London there is a little street with a public-house at the corner. Outside it Wednesday evening, after the place was closed, a man and woman stood talking. While the woman went away to buy supper the man waited for her, and there fell at his feet the first explosive bomb. They killed the man outright and blew pieces of the paving stones on to surrounding roofs. They blew in the front of the public-house, reducing the stock to a mass of broken glass, over which still floats the indefinable odor of assorted forms of alcohol. They took off the top of a grand piano on the floor above twisted an iron bedstead injuring a woman who was sleeping there, and reduced what had been the carefully kept living rooms of a small family to a mass of soot, dust, plaster and broken glass. In what conceivable respect did this contribute to the progress of the war?"

How Two Babies Escaped. "In another part of the area over which the airship passed there is a



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## NEW ZEALAND MOTHER

Seeks News of Her Son—May Have Been "Unknown Canadian."

Ottawa, Sept. 20.—An account of the heroism of an unknown Canadian, printed in English newspapers and reprinted in far-off New Zealand, has led an anxious mother at the other end of the world to ask the Canadian Government for news of her son. The story is one of a man who fought the Germans with three machine guns, going from one to another as the Maxims were found and destroyed by German shells, and finally, after using up all the machine guns and taking a terrible toll of life from the massed Huns in front of him, picking up a rifle and continuing to shoot, until he finally died of a bullet wound in the chest. "He is dead and his name is not known, but his deed is known, and that will live forever, as long as courage is courage and brave men are recognized." Mrs. Henry Matthews, of Sutherland, South Canterbury, New Zealand, thinks this brave man may have been her son, James H. Matthews, who wrote to her last December from Vancouver and spoke of going to the war. In her letter, in which she asks the Government for news of her son, she says: "It seems to me to read like what we think he would do under such circumstances. He never seemed as a boy to see any fear." The information which she seeks will be forwarded to her by the Government if it is available.

## MUST USE ALL LAND.

Appeal Made To British Farmers For Increased Production.

London, Sept. 20.—Addressing the Norfolk Chamber of Agriculture at Norwich, Lord Selborne, president of the British Board of Agriculture, urged that the farmers should utilize every possible yard of their land to the best advantage. Earl Kitchener, he announced, has decided to use skilled labor found on British farms for special duties, and this class of labor would now be on the same footing as munition workers. Farmers, added Lord Selborne, must look to the women to supply the places of the men, and must be prepared to pay them fair wages.

## Nine Killed On Motor Bus.

"A bomb which dropped in a street blew in the front of a shop, but spent its main force on a passing motor bus on which twenty persons were riding, including the driver and conductor. Nine of them were killed and eleven injured. The driver had both legs blown off and died in a hospital."

"These incidents alone, which account for nearly half the deaths, will surely show what was the nature of the attack attending the attack upon London. The net results of the week's raids upon the London district were 38 killed or died of wounds and 124 injured. Two policemen and one Army Service Corps

## THE LATEST TIDINGS

PRESENTED IN THE BRIEFEST POSSIBLE FORM.

The Whig's Daily Condensation of The News of the World From Telegraph Service and Newspaper Exchanges.

The Farmers' Advocate, London, says Canada will need a big crop again in 1916.

Grand Trunk Railway earnings for the week ended Sept. 14th were \$1,044,898, a decrease of \$52,124.

A report issued by the Ontario Bureau of Mines shows that the Ontario gold and nickel outputs are increasing.

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## Buffalo Doctor Dies.

St. Thomas, Sept. 20.—William F. Parmenter, of Buffalo, dean of the medical profession, died on Friday, aged seventy-eight, at the summer home of Judge Colten, Port Stanley, where he had been visiting for the past month. Dr. Parmenter was born in Gananoque, and commenced his practice in Canboro Township, near Cayuga. He went to Buffalo in 1875.

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Rev. W. C. Graham, M.A., B.D., who has just completed a brilliant course at Harvard University, and has been appointed to the chair of the Old Testament Language and Literature in the Wesleyan Theological College, Montreal.

The Arctic expedition headed by Captain Otto Sverdrup, which has been searching for the Russian explorers Rusanoff and Benstorff, has arrived at Christiania, and reports

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