

consider nearly all of the Peace river section, including the portion in British Columbia, to be well suited for raising cereals of all kinds, and two-thirds of it fit for wheat. The soil is as good as any part of Manitoba, and the climate, if anything, milder."

Fruits of the temperate zone grow to perfection on Vancouver island, along the Lower Fraser river and in the mountain valleys of the interior. The province is capable of supplying the dominion with the choicest of apples, pears, plums, peaches, grapes, cherries, etc., and though no effort has been made to raise these for export, the market opened by the railway will, no doubt, stimulate the fruit industry, and cause the planting of many extensive orchards. The settler who possesses a bearing orchard will find that he has a source of income of which his neighbors are deprived. There is much in this brief summary of agricultural resources for the earnest consideration of every industrious man seeking a home in a new country.

#### A PRUDENT COWARD.

I am too frail a ship for such a sea  
 As rolls its billows o'er the liquid waste,  
 And stormy highway, where the tempests  
 haste,  
 And drown the thunders in their revelry;  
 Though round the shore the deep brood tranquilly,  
 I will not venture forth where storms have  
 raced,  
 And played with ships as if they were but  
 placed  
 On sea as spoils of its tempestuous glee.

I rather linger near this tranquil beach  
 And have the braggart write upon my breast,  
 "A coward never leaves his native strand,"  
 Than wander forth where I should, sinking,  
 teach  
 My fathomed fate where hence a wreck should  
 rest,  
 Unknown upon the deep's unsunned land.

LEE FAIRCHILD.