



FOOTHILL HOMES AND ORCHARDS, NEWCASTLE DIST.

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More fresh deciduous fruit is shipped from Newcastle than from any other point in California. The records of shipments during the last season (1908) show a total of 1584 cars shipped from this point. Estimating the value at \$900 a car, a fair average gives a total value of \$1,425,000. In addition there were shipments by express of the estimated value of \$200,000, a grand total of more than a million and a half dollars as the value of the fresh fruit shipments from this one point during a single season.

The total shipments of deciduous fruits and grapes shipped from California in the fresh state last year aggregated 12,920 carloads; Newcastle shipped 12 per cent of the whole.

Newcastle is the principal shipping center of the Placer County foothill belt. Penryn, Loomis and Rocklin also ship large quantities, the shipments from the district aggregating 2,920 carloads, or 20 per cent of the shipments from the entire State.

Newcastle is situated on the main line of the Southern Pacific Railway, 32 miles east of Sacramento. The situation is commanding; the view of the Sacramento Valley spread out below is superb, the orchards that cover the hills for miles present a most delightful picture. Travelers entering the State from the East look for these orchard vistas and realize here that they are really in California.

The streets of Newcastle present a lively appearance during the fruit shipping season, which begins with berries and cherries in March and April, and continues throughout the summer. The orchards are as a rule small, ranging in size from five to forty acres in extent, and vehicles of every description bring fruit to the packing houses.

Approximately 25,000 acres are in orchard in this district. All kinds of fruit, nuts and berries are grown. Peaches, pears, plums, apricots, nectarines and cherries comprise the bulk of the shipments.



FRUIT GROWERS DELIVERING AT PACKING HOUSES.



A NEWCASTLE HOME.



PACKING GRAPES.



LOADING CARS WITH FRUIT.



A NEWCASTLE STREET.



FRUIT SHIPPING SEASON.



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