

little has been done to develop these possibilities, but there are one or two market gardens close to Revelstoke, where strawberries and vegetables of all kinds are raised in abundance without trouble, strawberries in particular being a sure and enormous crop. Further north in the Canoe River valley it is reported that the conditions are singularly favorable for pastoral and agricultural pursuits. The country is open, with patches of timber, the natural grasses profuse, and the climate warm and the snowfall very light. There is no doubt that before long this favored region will attract settlers, and another Okanagan or Nicola valley be added to the province.

Lumbering Interests

The lumbering interests of the district are considerable. The country on the lower levels is practically one vast forest of cedar, hemlock, pine, fir and spruce, and owing to the greater humidity of the climate and large snowfall, the timber acquires much greater size than it does in South Kootenay, so that the North Kootenay mills supply not only their own district, but fill a big demand throughout the whole mining region of West Kootenay. There is no large mill in operation in Revelstoke, one at Complan, and one at Nakusp, while an extensive and valuable plant has been installed on the northeast arm of the Arrow Lake, opposite Arrowhead.

The Rising City of Revelstoke.

The City of Revelstoke itself is beautifully situated and nicely laid out along the banks of the golden Columbia, and surrounded on all sides by mountain scenery unsurpassed on the continent. It has every advantage, social and commercial, which a rising western town can afford. There are two chartered banks, stores of all kinds, six hotels, an excellent water system, electric light, telephone system, two newspapers, several resident doctors and lawyers, four churches—Anglican, Roman Catholic, Methodist and Presbyterian—the Salvation Army, a good public school and opportunities of obtaining private tuition, a large theatre, Masonic, Oddfellows, Foresters, Orange, Knights of Pythias and Sons of England lodges; three breweries, a sawmill, sash and door factory, steam laundry, daily trains and mails east, west and south; in short every factor necessary to make existence at once prosperous and enjoyable to the man of modern civilization. A glance through the pages of this directory will show the different interests represented in this town, and give a good idea of the callings and occupations of its rapidly increasing population. With regard to the latter, it is only necessary to point out that the first issue of this directory, published two years ago in 1887, only contained about 400 names. The issue for 1890 contains in the neighborhood of 1,000 names, and from the notes taken by the way while going round collecting names this year, the editor is inclined to think that the total population cannot be much less than 2,500 to 3,000.