

Nelson—Queen City of the Kootenay

Then, too, the completion of the Panama Canal puts Europe in close touch with British Columbia. The early settlers of this province reached the coast by the laborious trip around the Horn. When the Canal is completed, British Columbia will be closer to Europe in a commercial sense than was Ontario in our fathers' day.

To the west the Pacific Coast cities of British Columbia are being linked up with this south-eastern empire by means of the extension of the Crow's Nest branch of the C. P. R., via the Kettle River Valley into Vancouver. Up to the present the round-about system of transportation has prevented the shipment of Kootenay products to the coast. On the completion of the railway, however, the present time of some 30 hours required to make the journey from Nelson will be reduced to 12, and the rates for freight, express and passenger transportation will naturally be proportioned accordingly. The large consuming population at the coast, which now obtains a considerable part of its food supplies from the United States, will provide a not unimportant market for the producer in the Kootenays.

All these things are factors in national development, factors in the upbuilding of all that great territory which lies at the door of Nelson—Queen City of the Kootenays.

