

Canadian Pacific main line to Golden, and up the Columbia River during the season of navigation by steamer, and in winter by stage.

CHIEF TOWNS.

FIELD is at the base of Mount Stephen, on the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway, where there are several stores and hotels—the principal being the Mt. Stephen House, operated by the C. P. R. Co., a pleasant resort for tourists, who reach the famed Yoho Valley from here.

GOLDEN, in the valley of the Upper Columbia River, at its junction with the Kicking Horse River, the headquarters of navigation on the Upper Columbia and the supply point for the mineral region of which it is the centre. Steamers leave for Windermere regularly during navigation. In winter there is a weekly stage to Windermere, 84 miles. The local government, judicial and mining offices are located at Golden.

FERNIE is a town at the mouth of Coal Creek, near the great Crow's Nest coal mines, on the Crow's Nest Pass Railway. It only sprang into existence in 1898, and is making wonderful progress. Already 600 coke ovens are in operation, and, as the supply of coal is inexhaustible, these will be increased as the demands for coke by the smelters of the province become greater. There are four saw-mills at Fernie.

MORRISSEY and MICHEL are also new towns, brought into existence by the development of the coal lands in their vicinity.

ELKO, at the crossing of the Elk River, 12 miles south of Fernie, will be the market town for the Tobacco Plains and the farming settlements to the south. The utilization of the water power of the Elk at this point should make this town one of great importance.

FORT STEELE is the present judicial centre of East Kootenay. It is situated on Kootenay River, and is about seven miles from Fort Steele Junction, a station on the Crow's Nest Pass Railway. It has numerous hotels, stores, churches, etc.

CRANBROOK (population 2,000) is the principal town on the line of the Crow's Nest Pass Railway. It is most delightfully located on a fertile stretch of prairie in the valley between the Rocky and Selkirk Mountains, and has already become a centre of great importance. It is the chief divisional point on the Crow's Nest Pass Road, and has, besides the shops of the railway, a number of well-stocked stores, chartered banks, hotels, churches, schools, etc. It is the principal lumber manufacturing point in East Kootenay, having four saw-mills operating within its limits. The town is lighted by electricity. As a residential town it has no superior in British Columbia. A branch line of railway connects the North Star Mines and Kimberley with Cranbrook.

MOYIE, at the south end of Moyie Lake, is the site of the St. Eugene Consolidated, a group of high-grade silver-lead mines, and has three saw-mills.

CRESTON is in the midst of a good farming and grazing district, where fruit growing is being prosecuted with excellent results.