

To-day the Kettle Valley Railway are running trains some 30 miles out of Merritt, this being as far as the steel is laid, and with the hesitation with the surveyors in the hills at the present time, it seems only feasible that the Kettle Valley Railway will change their course from the Canyon House and construct their road into Quilchena following the Nicola Lake down to Nicola, and from that point down the Nicola River into Merritt, thus placing Merritt on their main line.

The Great Northern Railway are busy at work constructing their roadbed over the Hope Mountains. This railroad, when completed, will place Merritt in a position that our city will be surrounded with transportation facilities.

What, then, warrants all this railroad building into and around MERRITT? These gigantic financial institutions must have some great object in view. Surely they are not speculating their millions to build these railroads into Merritt without expecting some financial return for their money invested?

ANSWER: They know that Merritt is destined to be a great city, and to have the largest coal deposits in British Columbia, and finally that Merritt will be shipping coal when other mines are exhausted.

## COAL MINES

Merritt and the surrounding district is possessed of unlimited coal deposits, and from the amount of coal which is being shipped daily by the Nicola Valley Coal & Coke Co., and the Inland Coal & Coke Co., these two companies being the two largest shippers of coal, MERRITT IS BOUND TO PROSPER.