



Orchard Scene in Kaslo

are entirely free of typhoid, scarlet fever, diphtheria and other epidemics that annually ravage other communities less fortunately situated. Indeed, Kaslo is without doubt the healthiest spot on the American continent, its death rate being extremely low. In support of this statement the following quotation is made from the report of the city medical health officer for the year 1911:

"Taking total deaths from all causes registered for the city during the year we get a death rate of 8.75 per thousand, while taking those under the heading 'natural causes' we have a rate of only 5 per thousand.

"The infantile death rate is nil.

"The birth rate for the year was 23.7 per thousand."

The middle paragraph justifies the boast made by many enthusiastic residents that infant mortality is practically unknown. This wonderful record, which is repeated unvaryingly year after year, is ascribed to two factors—the atmosphere and water and the location of the city being on an open gravelly soil. The water is ever fresh from the mountain streams and the air is so pure that dangerous germs have but little chance of a long survival.

TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES

Kaslo has daily service by steamer to Ainsworth, Riondel, Queen's Bay, Proctor, Balfour, Harrop, Willow Point and Nelson.

There is also a thrice-a-week service to all the above and the following: Shutty Bench, Lardo, Argenta and by both railway and steamer to the Lardeau, Meadow Creek, Gold Hill, Poplar, Gerrard, Howser, Trout Lake and Ferguson, all of which have post offices, and nearly all telegraphic or telephonic connection, and are reached in the order named from Kaslo (see sketch map on back of cover and table of distances).

The narrow gauge railway built hurriedly in 1895 to handle the Slocan ore traffic, has been taken over by the C.P.R., who have partly rebuilt it as a standard gauge and in the early part of next year will complete it, when traffic will be maintained from Kaslo to Nakusp, on the Upper Arrow Lakes over 61 miles of fine standard gauge track, operated as a part of the Canadian Pacific Railway system. (See Provincial Statutes of 1912).