



CATTLE IN CORRAL, LILLOOET.

finally a location was secured where a maximum grade of only eight per cent. was necessary in order to cross the mountains. This road, at present under construction, follows Silver Creek from Hope, and passes through a country whose magnificent scenery is not the least of its great assets.

The terminus of the new Hope Mountain connection is Princeton, and in addition to traversing a valuable mining country, a considerable area of agricultural land is made accessible.

From Princeton to Ashcroft, running through a country rich in scenic, mineral and agricultural potentialities, a road has been in existence for many years, but relocation and standardization is in progress, in order that, with the completion of the Hope-Princeton connection, a standard road may be available throughout.

Whilst the Nicola district is best known at present owing to its successful mining operations and the magnificent opportunity for cattle-raising, it has an area of nearly eighty miles square, containing tens of thousands of acres, which experiments during the past few years have declared eminently suitable for any farming.

Shortly after leaving Ashcroft connection is again made with the Old Cariboo trunk road, and some idea of the present

traffic over this road can be obtained from the records kept at the Thompson River bridge, Ashcroft, showing that nearly one million pounds of freight is being hauled monthly over the structure—this enormous amount being attributable to the heavy influx of settlers and the stimulation of the mining industry.

In the Lillooet district, containing over ten million acres, an immense percentage of this land is suited to some class of farming. The water supply is plentiful for stock and domestic use, whilst beyond the 100-mile House the higher slopes are well timbered.

In the Lillooet district both placer and hydraulic mining are in evidence, but, with the advent of a railroad to solve the problem of transporting heavy machinery, the future will see tremendous strides made in the recovery of gold.

To the tourist the road is a most fascinating one. Six and eight-horse teams are continually encountered, engaged in the business of freighting, and often at night a picturesque sight is afforded by the freighters camped out by the wayside—the white-covered vans and the camp-fire recalling tales told of the rush to the mining area in early days. At many of the roadhouses, too, are old-timers whose reminiscences are replete with interest: