

The Survey Exhausted

Of this complete and detailed Report, covering 150 pages, we present herewith a carefully compiled and concise prehensive summary.

The field work was of two types:

(1) Topographic, hydrographic, and soil surveys of the bottom lands proper, for the purpose of determining the best type and location of the proposed works thereon, and the reclaimable acreage.

(2) Topographic and hydrographic surveys of various small tributaries of the Columbia, some of which it is intended to use as sources of power for pumping.

The examination of the bottom lands covered the entire stretch from the town of Golden to Lake Windermere, a distance of 74½ miles. **EVERY PHASE OF THE WORK HAS BEEN CONSIDERED.**

To ascertain the class of lands available, test pits were sunk at different points. The material encountered was practically identical throughout the valley. Twelve creeks were carefully explored, and abundant water found to furnish **HYDRAULIC POWER FOR PUMPING APPARATUS.** The estimates have been carefully prepared, and, as the work proceeds, will be found more than adequate. The plans are complete, and provide for the immediate practical working out of the whole scheme of reclamation.

The Flats of the Columbia

Nestling close to the foot of the loftiest peaks of the mighty Selkirks on the west, with the lofty Brisco Range of the Rockies on the east, **THESE RICH ALLUVIAL LANDS OF THIS VAST, WELL-SHELTERED VALLEY** have for centuries awaited the hand and skill of man to turn them to his use. The uplands and benches of the slopes have long been **OCCUPIED BY RANCHERS AND FARMERS.** Agricultural land close to the populated areas is, however, not abundant now in British Columbia. Here, easily accessible both to the markets of the prairies and to the large centres of British Columbia and Alberta, are **the future homes for thousands.**

Transport- ation

The Kootenay Central Railway was completed last year, and thus links, by a level roadbed, the main transcontinental line of the C.P.R. with the Crow's Nest Pass Division--its two main lines which cross the Rocky Mountains. This line, in its first seventy-five miles southward, forms **THE EASTERN BOUNDARY FOR THE LANDS OF THE COMPANY.** The grade is low--not 30 feet of a rise between Golden and Windermere. Stations have been opened and town-sites selected. Many ready-made twenty-acre farms have already been prepared and completed by two large irrigation companies. These are on the benches; with irrigation ditches and buildings, they are now in the market at \$600 an acre, including improvements.