

The following annual valuations of land and improvements in the city for the past five years show the steady progress of Revelstoke :

Year	Land	Improvements	Increase	Year	Land	Improvements	Increase
1900.....	\$273,346	\$288,446	.....	1903.....	\$342,255	\$369,760	\$52,359
1901.....	314,851	338,420	\$81,379	1904.....	349,478	403,760	41,223
1902.....	317,426	343,230	7,385	1905.....	358,073	475,900	72,140

\* This shows a total increase of valuation in the past five years of \$254,486 or an average increase of \$50,897 per annum. When the conservative basis of civic valuations is considered the steady and safe progress of the city from year to year is evident.

Owing to the contour of the mountain ranges and valleys Revelstoke is the only point at which a city of importance can be established within 100 miles east or west of it. Those who have studied the situation well claim that Revelstoke will be to British Columbia what Spokane is to the state of Washington south of the line, and there is every reason to believe that foresight will be realised.

#### MINERAL RESOURCES.

Revelstoke is the heart of the mineral belt of North Kootenay. At Camborne, to the south, are three stamp mills, which have proved the mineral wealth of that section by the gold bricks produced over a period of three years, and the extensive bodies of silver-lead ore on Fish Creek are practically untouched. The Beatrice, Silver Dollar and Mammoth have developed extensive bodies of ore. There are dozens of mineral properties of equal promise in this section.

Across the divide, in the Trout Lake section, on the south fork of the Lardeau River, is one of the best equipped groups of mines in Western Canada, the property of the Ferguson Mines Limited. The mines operated by the company are the Silver Cup and Nettie L. and they have produced large quantities of high-grade silver-lead ore. The Lucky Boy, near Trout Lake City, is another shipper of high-grade ore and there are many mineral properties being developed there with promise of success.

On the Arrow Lakes and along the main line of the C. P. R., both east and west, are extensive deposits of silver-lead and zinc ores, only waiting capital and mining skill to turn them to account and make wealth for their investors.

To the north the Big Bend has proven a rich placer gold field and the companies operating there have shown there is still a lot of gold to be found.