



NELSON, B. C.

IN the heart of the North-West of North America is an Island embracing an area of about 300 miles long and about 150 miles in width. This island has been formed by the conjunction of the Columbia and Kootenay Rivers at a point not far from where they rise. It lies principally in British Columbia, though its southern extremity extends into the neighboring States of Montana and Idaho.

It is an area of vast and well known mineral resources, of immense but only partially developed timber lands, of magnificent mountain scenery and of beautiful

fertile stretches in the valleys. Abounding in game and fish, with a mild and equable climate, it affords attraction to the miner, the lumberman, the rancher and fruit grower, the sportsman and tourist, and the seeker after health and pleasure.

The greater portion of this island which lies within the boundaries of British Columbia is known as the District of Kootenay, of which the capital is the City of Nelson. Situated near the confluence of the Kootenay and Columbia Rivers, Nelson occupies an important position both as a commercial centre and a residential