

"On the one side we could see the Kootenay River winding along the valley like a marvellous green ribbon; on the other the far away peaks and glaciers of those splendid mountains, finer even than the Rockies—the Selkirks, a noble background to the smiling Columbia Valley, which spread out like a map,



every slough and backwater clearly shown, to all appearance at our feet."—Extract from "A Ramble in British Columbia," by the authors of "Three in Norway."