

but for want of transportation facilities. The road would run along at a very good grade, through a country described by the surveyors as "fairly well timbered, with open patches containing good summer ranges. The ascent the whole distance is very gradual, while eighteen miles is absolutely level. About ninety miles from Kamloops the Clearwater River empties into the North Thompson. At this place a bridge should be built and the former river followed up on the left bank, the grade being better on that side. Up a little distance the road would debouche further to the westward, in order to reach the town of Barkerville and form connection with the time-honored Cariboo road—a road down which has been carried wealth enough to satisfy the most ambitious gold seeker. There would be more difficulties at this portion of the road than anywhere else, but as the district has proved hitherto the richest portion of British Columbia, it would of course pay to meet those difficulties.

### Barkerville.

The size of the town is considerable when the fact is taken into consideration that Barkerville is 280 miles from a railway, although of course, in population it is away below the old figure of 7,000 of early days, when the town was the headquarters for the miners during the Cariboo excitement in the early sixties. The town is prettily situated, and is at present very little more than one big street, but is capable of development. Being the government headquarters for "Golden" Cariboo would in any case give the town some importance, but as the centre of trade, the depot for the rich mines in the vicinity and the fine farming lands, Barkerville, on its own merits, is bound to increase. However, like all other places that are distant from the railway, many lucrative enterprises are given the go-by on account of the initial expenses for freight and hauling and the distance from the market.

### Barkerville to Quesnelle.

The road, which passes through a fine country, both agricultural and mineral, follows Lightning Creek across the Cottonwood, there is a village and down Quesnelle River to Quesnelle. In