

There are two wholesale grocery establishments, three banks, four churches, five public schools and a high school. The Public Utilities are owned by the Municipality. Entertainment is provided by two moving picture theatres and an opera house.

Fernie is the headquarters of the Provincial Government in this District and is also the United States Consular headquarters.

The space at our disposal will not permit of an extensive description of the places of interest and enjoyable side trips to be had here, but the tourist with the time to spare will find endless opportunities for a thoroughly enjoyable vacation.

A visit to the mines at Coal Creek, which is 5 miles away, has much to interest visitors and is a very nice drive. There are many delightful tramps right into the mountains, to the Falls on Fairy Creek which is two miles and to Island Lake which is 6 miles, are the most popular. Mountain climbing is made easy by good trails. The ascent of Mount Fernie can be made in three to four hours with ease, Mount Hosmer and the Lizard Range can be climbed easily in a day and Trinity Mountain in two days. Strong nailed boots should be worn by those who climb.

Big game, consisting of Grizzly, Brown, Silver Tip and Black Bear, Cougar, Lynx, Mountain Sheep, Goat and Deer abound, and in the open season big bags are common events. Fishing, however, is the pre-eminent sport in this district, the streams literally teem with trout ranging from a half to three pounds in weight. The names of a few of the best of these streams are: The Elk River, Lizard, Morrissey, Rock, Sand, Wigwam and Lodge Pole Creeks, every one of which flows through incomparable scenery, especially is this so in regard to Wigwam Creek, which runs through a Canyon whose walls rise to nearly two thousand feet from the water's edge. High water, during which there is no fly fishing, is usually from the second week in June until late in July. Rock Creek and Lizard Creek, however, are not affected and remain clear.

Four hotels offer good accommodations for tourists and two garages are equipped for efficient and expeditious repairs to any make of cars, and carry a full line of accessories and tires.

Fernie is steadily increasing in popularity amongst visitors from the prairies as a vacation resort, not only for the reason that the scenery here is so beautiful, but on account of the climate. The hottest day in the summer

rarely exceeds 80 and the evenings are always cool. Immunity from the mosquito pest is a consideration which is much appreciated by visitors.

There is a good nine-hole golf course and visitors are admitted to play at a small nominal charge. A game on this course, on account of its magnificent surroundings, is something to be remembered.

The Fernie Board of Trade maintain a Free Information Bureau for tourists, and will be glad to receive enquiries for any further information respecting this District or any of the roads or places of interest in Western Canada and the States of Montana, Washington, Idaho or Oregon. A letter addressed to the manager of the Information Bureau, Box 26, Fernie, British Columbia, will receive prompt attention.

### *TRANS-CONTINENTAL HIGHWAY—Continued*

From Fernie the next 20 miles is through scenery which surpasses in grandeur anything to be found in North America; leaving the town the road follows the contour of the mountain side, rising to considerable heights by easy grades and paralleling for most of the distance the magnificent Lizard Range—which is across the valley—with the river winding its tortuous way hundreds of feet below. After passing Morrissey, it ascends still higher for a few miles then drops again to the river level, passing through a beautiful clump of cedars, (called locally 'Stanley Park') and rising and falling crosses the river into Elko. This town is the junction of the roads leading to Montana points, one via Roosevelt and the other via Baynes, Waldo and Flagstone to Gateway.

As the only United States Customs office is at Gateway, Montana, tourists are advised to go by the Trunk road which passes through Baynes, Waldo and Flagstone which is the most direct way.

The other route via Roosevelt, whilst containing much of interest, is rather longer and as it is compulsory to go through the Customs Port at Gateway, on arrival at Roosevelt you will have to swing sharp to the right just before reaching the International Boundary and make the detour to Gateway. This is a point which tourists should be particular about because several have crossed the International Boundary at Roosevelt and continued to Eureka, Mont., and have been notified that their cars were liable to confiscation for not having first been cleared at Gateway.