

having only lately been rendered accessible. The headwaters of the Kootenay Lakes and River rise a little west of Banff, and flowing south into Montana and Idaho return to British Columbia and empty into Kootenay Lake, again discharging its waters into the Columbia River near Robson. The river is, in great part, below Nelson, a succession of cascades, beautiful from a scenic point of view and abounding in rainbow trout, from one pound upwards, that are greedy for the fly. It is an ideal stream, rushing through gorges, and over rapids broadening into pools and forming numerous "just the spots" into which, practically, any length of line can be cast without the least obstruction from bushes or overhanging trees. And it possesses the inestimable advantage of being entirely free from mosquitoes and black flies. The Lower Kootenay is reached by two routes: Either by the Crow's Nest Pass Railway which branches off from the main line of the Canadian Pacific near Medicine Hat in Alberta, or from Revelstoke station, on the main line, and thence by branch to Arrowhead station, on Upper Arrow Lake, and thence by the fine new steamers, *Roseland* and *Kootenay*, of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, through the Arrow Lakes to Robson,



and thence by rail, or by rail from Nakusp on Upper Arrow Lake to Rosebery, on Slocan Lake, and down the lake by C.P.R. steamer to Slocan City, thence by rail to the Lower Kootenay. A month's outing in this region would be the *beau idéal* of a sportsman's holiday. The best fishing is just below the Lower Falls, 13 miles from Nelson. Tourists

can go out from Nelson in the morning and return at night. At Nelson (where fishing is also good) camp outfit, consisting of blankets, tents, cooking outfit, such as pots, pans, plates, cups, knives and forks, etc., can be hired for a small charge. Supplies and all sorts of provisions of the best quality may be purchased at reasonable prices. Good cooks can also be engaged at Nelson to accompany fishing parties. The necessary camp outfits will be carried free between Nelson and the different fishing camps, and the trains each way between Robson and Nelson will stop (when flagged) to take and put off the fishing parties. In short, everything has been arranged with the view of affording every comfort and facility to those who may wish to spend a few days in the Kootenay district enjoying the fishing, which is not surpassed anywhere on the continent. As very few fish are caught under a pound weight, and running up as high as three and four pounds, anglers should provide themselves with a gaff or landing net, and be particular to see that their flies and tackle are good and strong.

No guides are required on the Slocan River, which empties its waters into the lower Kootenay. There is good fly-fishing in this stream.

In the Slocan district of the Kootenay, which has just been opened up by the building of the railway from Nakusp to Sandon, there is good brook trout fishing in the streams