

LOCATION AND CLIMATE.

Diamond Vale is about one hundred and thirty miles directly northeast of Vancouver and one hundred miles northwest of Greenwood and Grand Forks mining camps, where the largest copper-gold mines in Canada are located, and where the Granby mine has earned the reputation of being one of the cheapest copper producers in the world. Fifty miles south of Diamond Vale is Hedley, where the Daly Reduction Company is operating a 40-stamp mill, a large cyanide plant and a concentrator, in the treatment of gold ore from the Nickel Plate mine owned by the Yale Mining Company. It is said that over \$2,000,000 of American capital has been spent at Hedley within the past four years. A smelter is contemplated and will probably be erected next year. This great mining camp is only in its infancy and Hedley bids fair to be one of the most important towns in the interior.

At present Diamond Vale is reached by a good government wagon road. Leaving Kamloops on the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway a delightful drive of forty-six miles south brings us in eight hours to Quilchenna, the heart of the Nicola Valley. Four miles south of this point the Diamond Vale coal property is reached and extends for eight miles north and south along Quilchenna Creek.

From Quilchenna the road runs westward along Nicola Lake past the towns of Nicola, Coutlee, and Lower Nicola to Spences Bridge, fifty-five miles distant. From Nicola the government road is built to Princeton, sixty miles south, and continues past Hedley, twenty-five miles east on the Similkameen River, and past Fairview to Greenwood. All those points are connected by semi-weekly stage and have a satisfactory mail service. This year several new livery and stage companies are in the field and all are taxed to their capacity in conveying the large number of new settlers, prospectors and investors into the district, the whole of which is now rapidly filling up.

A government telephone line from Kamloops to Quilchenna, Nicola, Princeton, Hedley, Keremos