

south of New Denver), Slocan City, and other points on Slocan Lake, and the town has excellent hotel accommodation, etc.

THREE FORKS is situated at the confluence of Seaton Creek and the north and south branches of Carpenter's Creek, on the Nakusp & Slocan Railway. Large concentrating works are erected near the town, with a daily capacity of 100 tons.

SANDON is the terminus of the Nakusp & Slocan Railway, and from which Kaslo is also reached by railway. Around the town are several groups of the most valuable silver-lead mines. It is the centre of what is known as the wet ore belt of the Slocan, the ore being chiefly galena and carbonates. It has waterworks, electric light system, churches, schools, etc., and possesses all the adjuncts of modern towns.

NELSON, with a population of about 6,000, is situated on the west arm of Kootenay Lake, where the Lower Kootenay River begins, twenty-eight miles east of Robson, and from it points on the lake are reached daily by steamer. It is on the direct route of the Crow's Nest Pass Railway. A smelter of 400 tons daily capacity is erected here. Nelson is the judicial centre for Southern Kootenay, where the offices of the Gold Commissioner and Government Agent, customs, etc., are located. It is an important jobbing centre, with hospital, chartered banks, well-stocked stores, electric street railway, and is unsurpassed as a residential place. During the past few years it has made wonderful progress, and building operations are being extensively carried on and its trade greatly extended.

LARDO is at the head of winter navigation, and the eastern terminus of the Kootenay & Arrowhead branch of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

GERRARD, at the south end of Trout Lake, is a distributing point for the Trout Lake mining division, and the present northern terminus of the Kootenay & Arrowhead Railway.

KASLO, on the west side of Kootenay Lake, is one of the bases of supplies for mines on the eastern slope of the Slocan district. Every branch of business is represented in Kaslo, which has also ore sampling works, public offices, saw-mills, planing factory, bank, brewery, electric light works, waterworks, schools, hospital, etc.

YMIR is a flourishing mining town in the Salmon River country south of Nelson, with a population of 1,200. Free milling gold has been found at Ymir, and an 80-stamp mill, the largest in Canada, is operated here. A large number of properties are being developed in the vicinity of Ymir.

TRAIL, on the Columbia River, has the most extensive smelting works in Canada. It is an important station on the Rossland branch of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

ROSSLAND is one of the largest towns in the West Kootenay, its growth having been phenomenal. From a small mining camp in 1894 it has grown to the proportions of a thriving, bustling city with a population of 7,000, which