

Revelstoke, B. C.

Outside Vancouver Revelstoke is the largest and most important city on the main line of the C. P. R. in British Columbia. The growth of the city has been steady. Every month sees additions to the buildings, and there is a steady rise in the value of real estate.

TRANSPORTATION CENTRE.

As a transportation centre Revelstoke ranks next to Vancouver in importance so far as the railway traffic of British Columbia is concerned. At Revelstoke are located the C. P. R. machine shops for the Pacific division. These shops employ over 200 men. The large railway traffic of Revelstoke is shown by the fact that over twenty train crews run in and out of this city.

Revelstoke is headquarters for the office of the Superintendent Mountain and Shuswap Division. The Canadian Pacific Railway Company's payroll for Revelstoke is about \$60,000 a month, or between \$700,000 and \$800,000 a year.

Revelstoke is the junction for the Arrowhead and Kootenay branch line connecting with the main line. This branch covers an enormous field, serving Arrowhead, the Fish Creek country, the Lardeau, 180 miles on the Arrow Lakes, and connecting with the Crows Nest Railway via Nelson, Columbia and Western at Robson, and also the Rossland line. The traffic with these points shows a steady increase as the mining and lumbering industries are being developed.

Revelstoke has been well termed the "Gateway of Kootenay," but just as it is the gateway to the south so it is the gateway to the north, and with transportation facilities extended to the north, settlement will take place between here and the Yellowhead Pass, nearly two hundred miles north of this city. That is a country of great lumbering, mineral, fruit-growing and agricultural possibilities. The timber has nearly all been taken up for future operation, and the land suitable for agriculture or cattle ranges will be occupied within a few years. Revelstoke is the natural outlet for that vast territory.