

the hands of solid men, some of which represent English companies and others local. To the north there are large silver deposits; to the west, cinchabar and iron, both of which are being successfully worked, and the hills to the south are a mass of copper ore. Hydraulic mining is carried on in the vicinity, and as soon as the North River is opened up operations will undoubtedly be enlarged. Coal has been found all round in different places, which Dr. Dawson, the celebrated Canadian geologist and head of the department in Canada, says "is a true coal, rather than a lignite, burning well, and producing a coherent coke." No serious attempt has, however, been made to prospect it. Fruit growing, another latent resource, is amply rewarding those who have taken up that branch of agriculture. The lumber interests are at present big enough to supply the city and there is a surplus to ship, but they are capable of further development. The shops in Kamloops are unequalled by any city of its size in any part of the world. There is nothing, in reason, that can not be procured, whether for customers who require "Old Country" things, or Canadians and Americans who may prefer somewhat different articles. The size and variety of the stocks are really wonderful, and the number of the shops cause that healthy competition which is the life of trade and a boon to the ever-purchasing public.

Kamloops to Barkerville.

As was stated in the introduction, a route was surveyed some years ago by the C.P.R. up the North Thompson to the Rockies. And later finding the North Thompson such an easy grade, more than one survey was made to Barkerville, the chief town and headquarters of the Government in the famous Cariboo district. The field notes are on file, we believe, in the office of Mr. Bell, C.E., and can easily be got at. The line, on leaving Kamloops, passes for eight miles through the Indian reserve—a tract of land which, if it were in white men's hands, would yield enormous wealth, as it is possible to irrigate every part of it with the water at present running to waste. At the end of the reserve are a series of ranches, all well-to-do and productive, on both sides of the river, and mineral claims, unworked it is true,