

# COUNTRY and SUBURBAN LIFE SUPPLEMENT

## CIVIC BEAUTY

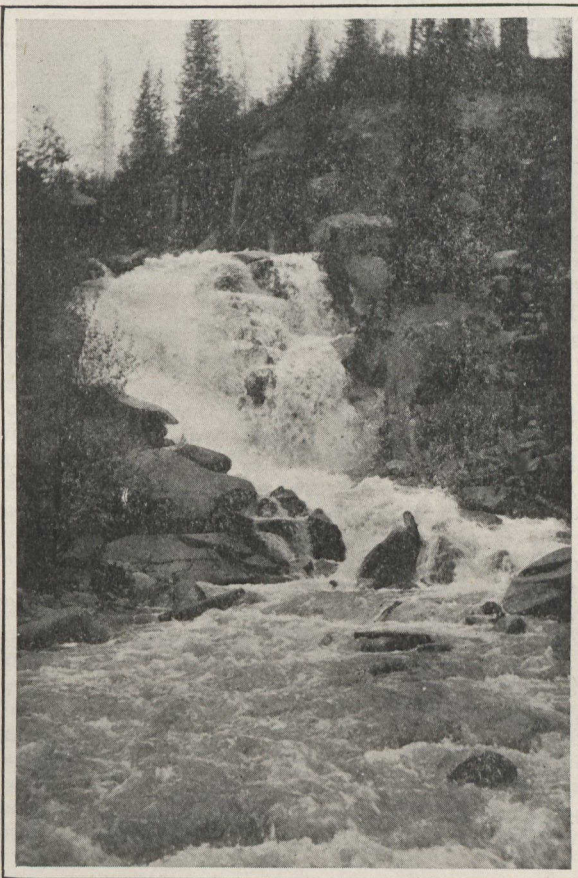
Prize Photographs by ALEX. LEITH, Nelson, B.C.



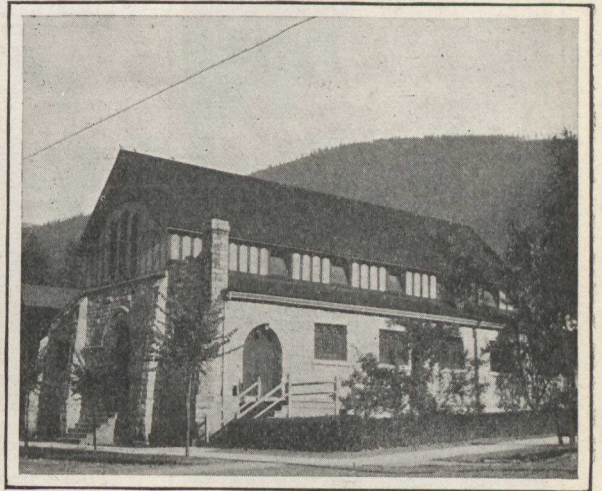
Roman Catholic church with classic architecture and well kept lawn and garcens.

SOME weeks ago a Civic Beauty competition in photographs was announced. Out of a number of sets submitted, one set of six pictures was chosen as entitled to the prize. Five of these are reproduced on this page. They are remarkably good pictures of a very unusual town, but little known except in the newspapers to the general public. Nelson, B.C., has always been considered a mining camp town; and through the sublime mountains look right into the streets, it is hard for one who has not been there or has not seen pictures of the place, to realize that Nelson is in the making of a very beautiful city.

The prize has been awarded, not merely upon the merits of Nelson, but also on the qualities of the photographs. The next best choice, curiously enough, was old Quebec, considered by many to be the most beautiful city setting in Canada, if not in all America. Canada has many splendid, both old and young, cities still in the making; many places



Cottonwood Falls inside the city limits; within ten minutes walk of the Post Office.



Anglican church, St. Saviour's, with attractive rose garden and neatly trimmed hedge.

as well worth featuring for picture-interest as Nelson, with its mountains, or Quebec, with its citadel.

There is such a variety of civic beauty in Canada that comparisons are foolish. Who could compare Quebec with Nelson; Vancouver with Winnipeg; Victoria with Ottawa; Hamilton with Halifax; London with St. John; Edmonton with Calgary; Prince Albert with Brandon; or Toronto with Montreal? Natural setting, much apart from the genius of people has made these places incomparably different. It would be absurd to expect the same sort of beauty from any two of the places mentioned above. One might as well compare Dawson City with Charlottetown. To every town and city as much individuality as may be; the only common feature being a common desire for improvement by making the most and the best of existing conditions, and where nature has been somehow niggardly, supplying the lack with real civic art, suitable to that particular locality.



Carbonate Street, Cherry Blossom Time  
The Nelson City Improvement Society distribute free shade trees every year.



Snow Balls in June  
This is a sample of one of Nelson's beautiful lawns.