

ROSSLAND IN 1899.

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ON page 64 is shown a view of the City of Rossland in 1899. The observer is supposed to be standing at a point on Columbia avenue, a little above the Masonic Hall, which was recently destroyed by fire. The two buildings in the right hand lower corner are the Government office, wherein presides Mr. John Kirkup, Gold Commissioner, and a private residence.

In this Government office has from time to time been transacted a large business connected with mining locations for the office is also that of the Mining Recorder, also vested in Mr. Kirkup.

present a good view without this thoroughfare, for it is on this avenue that are located the Bank of Montreal, the Bank of British North America, the Bank of Halifax and the Bank of Toronto.

To one familiar with the landmarks most of the buildings can be recognized, especially the prominent ones.

Looking well over the flat roof of the Athletic Club the War Eagle tram and hoist are plainly visible for the 1,200 feet over which this tram extends. To the left is the Le Roi mine, and its cluster of mine buildings. Its tram, though not very plain, may be traced from the dump through straggling trees until it reaches the ore bin on the line of the Great Northern Railway.



MAIN STREET, ROSSLAND, 1895.

The other Government building could not be brought within the range of the artist's camera, even from where this view was taken. A tail may have its uses, but it is not as attractive as a school-house or as interesting as a theatre, therefore it could not be brought within range.

The location of St. Paul Street is easily determined, it being the first street crossing Columbia Avenue. On the corner is the Montreal Hotel, and above it running north is the Athletic Club looking straight over the roof of the residence next to the Government building.

The view straight up Columbia Avenue is a typical one of Rossland, for this aspiring city would hardly

"The view of the city is, perhaps, not as good as one taken from a position further west, but then the view of the mine would not be as complete.

The Centre Star mine and hoist are plainly in view. They are at the foot of the War Eagle tram. Lower down is the Nickel Plate, and looking northwest from St. Paul Street is the fire hall, which runs up like a chimney.

A group of level politicians are supposed to be earnestly conversing on the provincial situation near Washington Street, but are lost in the confusion of awnings and telegraph poles.

The view is only a partial one of the city for the south side of Columbia Avenue is shown only as a