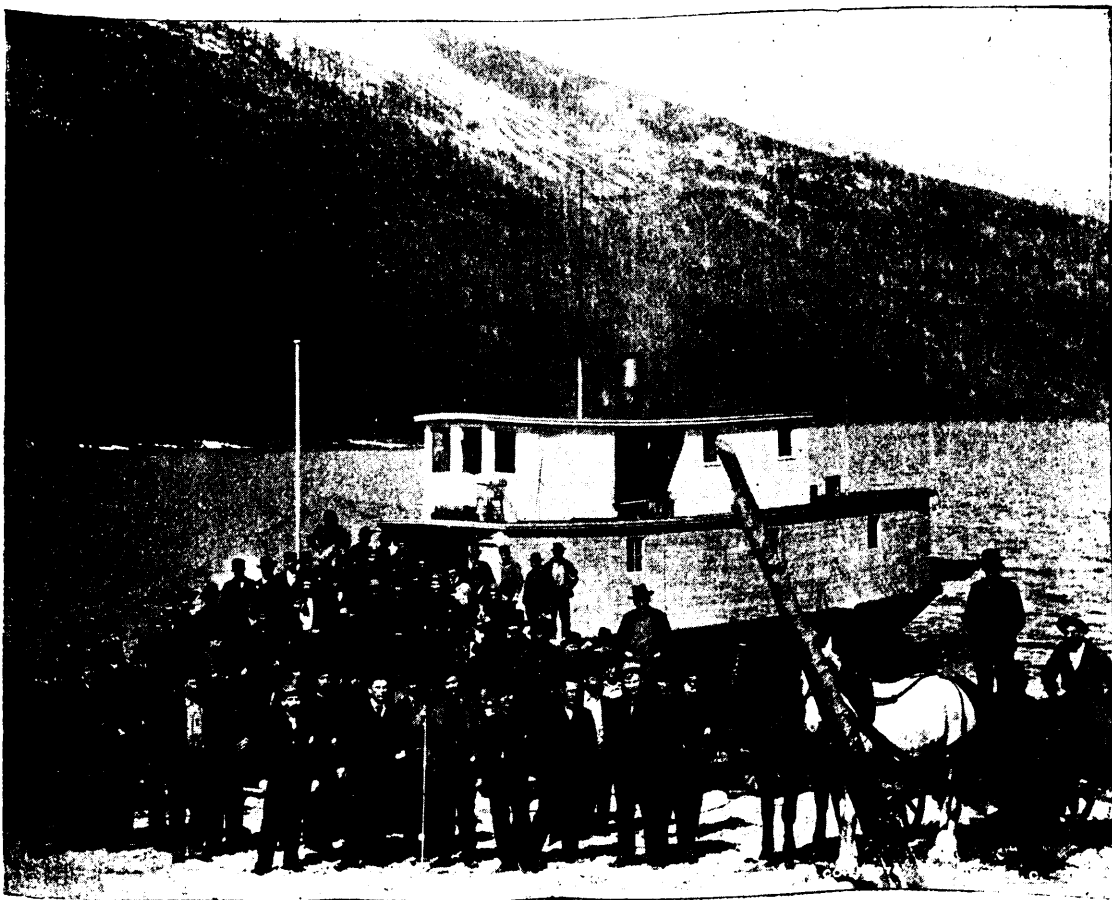


Fort Shepherd Railway but it is also connected by the Columbia & Kootenay Railway with Robson, which is a stopping place of the C. & K. S. N. Co.'s boats. That Nelson is destined to be a great centre is evidenced by the fact that the proposed Crows Nest Pass Railway will make it its terminus. That the Crows Nest Pass road will be built in the very near future needs no prophet to predict. Already the Canadian Pacific Company has declared its willingness to build the line, and the first steps toward this end has already been taken by the submission of proposals to the Dominion Government for the construction of the railway. The matter having gone so far cannot well be dropped now as it is a clear admission of the necessity of the road. Taking these facts into consideration, there is very little doubt that within the next few years Nelson will take great strides towards being a metropolis. It is the very centre of the great Kootenay mining district and its central position, if nothing else, assures a great future for it.

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The town itself is well built, and has probably more of a substantial appearance than most of the other towns in the Kootenay. This is attributable, in a measure, to its greater age, but the enterprise and solid character of its residents have something to do with it. Like Rossland, it has two banks, the Bank of Montreal and Bank



STEAMER "HUNTER" AT SLOCAN CITY.

Not far from Nelson are the falls of the Kootenay River, which will undoubtedly be used for the driving of machinery, so that the prospects of the town becoming not only a trade centre but also a large manufacturing place are very bright. Its position will always assure its being a distributing point for the whole of Kootenay and as manufactures are inaugurated the advantages of Nelson will certainly give it the preference for their establishment.

In the neighborhood of the town are the famous properties of the Hall Mines Company, consisting of the Silver King, Kootenay Bonanza, American Flag and Kohinoor mines. This company, finding that the plan of transporting their ore from the mines to Nelson by wagon road was tedious and expensive, undertook the erection of a wire tramway which is now built and cap-

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The following is an extract from an article contributed by Mr. W. Pellew Harvey to the *Mining Journal* of London, England:—

"Around Nelson there are a good many mines in a more or less developed state, the principal ones of such days being the Poorman, Royal Canadian, Star of the West, Majestic, Whitewater, &c.; these are gold propositions, the gangue being quartz, with heavy sulphurets of iron and mispickel. The first and last have had a good deal of work done on them, and in the case of the