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Rev. T. Crosby's visit to the Kootenays.

(Concluded.)

At Robson we cross the river by boat and then board the train. Puffing and snorting, backwards and forwards, by means of one or two "switchbacks," we climb the mountain to an altitude of 2,700 feet, and about midnight arrive in the pushing, driving, city of Rossland, with its 9,000 inhabitants and its pay roll of from 120 to \$130,000 per month.

We were met by Bro. Morden, and were speedily "at home" at the parsonage.

We had a good day on the Sabbath, large congregations listened attentively to the missionary and responded heartily in the collections.

The Church anniversary effort of \$1,500 the previous Sabbath took the wind out of our sails for a big subscription.

The Sunday School and Juvenile offerings we hope will amount to a good round sum. I shall not soon forget the blessed day we had at Rossland, especially that Sabbath evening congregation.

Sorry I did not have a chance to see the city, having to leave at 8 next morning.

The snow was 4 or 5 feet deep, and I am told they will have as much as 12 or 14 feet during a winter. Soon we were down hill to smelter flat; here we left the train and then down 300 steps or more to the quiet town of Trail. I was glad we did not have to go up the 300 steps.

Bro. J. Calvert, an old friend and our missionary for a time at Bella Bella, with his good wife, gave me a warm welcome in their snug little parsonage. Here we rested for the day, as we had not had much rest the night before.

At 7.30 p.m. we had a fair attendance at the missionary meeting in the snug little Church. The town is a little dull; once, when the steamboats came here with all the freight and passengers from the outside world, it was a lively place. Next morning off we went, Bro. C. in company, calling at West Robson, and then on up the hills, keeping along the banks of the Columbia River, until well up the mountains, when we came to Tunnel East, and there upon the face of the mountain we were delayed an hour and a half by a derailed freight engine, and then on, hauling up a steep grade, a "switch back" so called, and then the engine pushed us up the face of the hill

to another "switch back," then hauled again, and thus we passed over the six tracks on that mountain side.

A few weeks and the tunnel will be complete, and the up and down the mountain side will cease. And now we rush on down the mountain passes, some of them as if they were just made for a railroad, on and on past Gladstone, and Cascade City to Columbia and Grand Forks. The latter is a rushing little place, beautifully situated amid hills crowded with cattle and bunch grass. It has more than doubled its population in 12 months, and will, at the present rate, soon double itself again. Indeed, it is hard to tell what the grand future of this valley will be.

It is needless to say that West Kootenay, or the Boundary country, has a great future before it. With Cascade City, Columbia, Grand Forks, Phoenix, Greenwood, Deadwood, Midway, Camp McKinney and Penticton, we need for this great country three or four men at once. Let us have West Kootenay as a district with a many-sided man as chairman; a pushing far seeing man, who will push the battle to the gate, and, in my opinion, if not at next General Conference, in less than ten years we should have another Conference east of Cascades. We have only just begun to touch the country, there is the Big Bend, the Lardeau, Ferguson country and farther east, the Cranbrook, Windermere and Fernie section, with other parts yet to hear from. There is a great future before us, as a church, if we do our part, and are faithful to our trust. In these towns there is need of the old-time

determination to be separate from the world, on the part of the people; and a whole-hearted consecration to soul-saving, and the building up of the Kingdom of Christ among the ministry, and the outcome will be that more good men and true will take hold of municipal affairs and clean this country of the drink traffic and kindred impurities.

Now we are off back to the west, goodbye to my kind friend C. at Robson, and then by river lake and train to Revelstok, where I spent a good Sabbath with Bro. Thompson's people. He had gone to Kaslo to help Bro. Wood in revival services.

Back home again at last, having travelled in a little over two weeks, over 1,500 miles, and given upwards of 20 addresses on missions. The people turned out well, and upon the whole we had blessed services. But what is most needed is a blessed revival all over the land. Oh! that it may soon come in power!!

T. CROSBY.

White Swan Soap will not waste away in the water.

Many of our brethren and sisters in London, during the great outpouring of the Spirit, spoke of several new blessings which they had attained; but after all, they could find nothing higher than pure love, on which the full assurance of hope generally attends.—John Wesley.

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