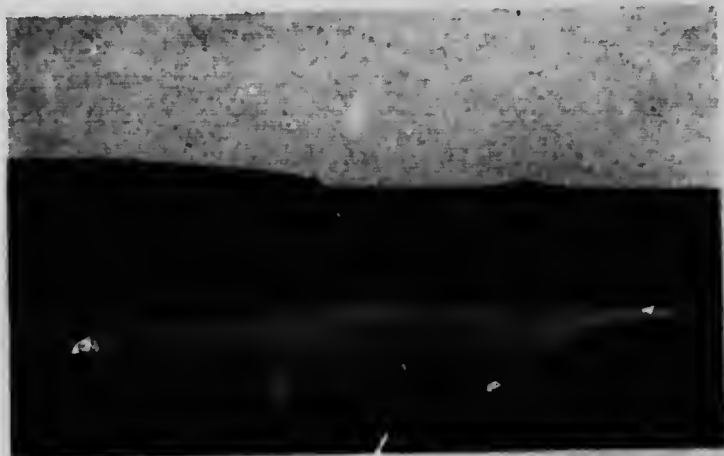


between the lake and Hudson Hope. The hills near Moberly Lake are well grassed, and in places the soil is good. There is reported to be good soil along Moberly River, but this section was not visited by me. Jack-pine and muskeg, however, appear to predominate in this section.

Coal.—Excellent coalfields are found west of Hudson Hope—some also claim gold—and south-west of this point, over the Peace River, is a limestone outcrop.

Water-power.—There is almost unlimited water-power in the canyon of the Peace River at Hudson Hope, the water falling 245 feet in a distance of fourteen miles, and no doubt in the distant future this fall will be the means of supplying power for the whole of the Peace River District—Alberta as well as British Columbia.

This section (Hudson Hope) for agricultural purposes is of very little account, especially for immediate use.



View of the Peace River, with Fort St. John in the distance, Peace River Block, B.C.

GENERAL NOTES.

LIVE STOCK.

Cattle.—A total of approximately 1,500 cattle are to be found in the Peace River District of British Columbia, E. P. Borden (Swan Lake) having 105 head; John Taylor (Rolla), 45 head; Pollard, 65; Abet, 100; the remainder being principally owned in smaller quantities. There are 20 head at Fort St. John and 12 head at Hudson Hope.

Type.—The type of cattle kept is of a very indifferent class, with the exception of those owned by E. P. Borden, who possesses a few pure-bred Shorthorns and a very good Shorthorn bull, and whose general class of cattle is a high-grade Shorthorn.

Two young bulls, imported under the Dominion scheme, were brought into the Pouce Coupe District (Rolla) this last spring. They are only of a fair type of Shorthorn.

Horses.—The number of horses is large, but I would not make any guess as to the number. They are principally of the cayuse type.

Wintering.—It is necessary to feed cattle for about six months during the winter in most parts of the district, though Mr. E. P. Borden, who is situated on Swan Lake, twelve miles south of the Dominion Block, advised me that he usually takes his cattle up about December 1st and has had them on range always by April 1st. Mr. Borden has been in the district six years. During the winter he feeds his cattle hay in the bush near the buildings, not housing them at any time.