

Continuing on the trunk line, Clinton, thirty-two miles from Ashcroft, is the first town of importance, although there are some excellent ranches and stopping places both at Cape Creek and Hot Creek. Clinton is a paradise for sportsmen, and a stage centre of importance, branch lines connecting from here with Big Bar, Canoe Creek, Empire Valley and Alkali Lake.

The summit of Mount Sones, seven thousand miles above the sea level is easily reached from Clinton on horseback in four hours and the views from this mountain on a clear day are exceedingly grand. The hunting in this locality cannot be surpassed. In fact it is no uncommon sight at this season of the year to see from the stage windows hundreds of deer pelts hung out to dry around the Siwash rancheros. Parties fond of fishing can also have all the sport they want around here as the streams and pretty lakelets in the vicinity abound in ganey trout.

Clinton once passed, the road ascends upon a high wooded plateau which extends as far as the one hundred mile house. You then descend into Lac La Hache valley along the shore of a beautiful lake which bears the same name through rich intervals. It is a fine stock country with excellent farms and stock ranches along the way. From the One Hundred and Eight Mile House a road has recently been constructed to the Hornsby country now being brought into public notice through its large placer mining operations. The Hornsby Mining Co., are at present astonishing the world with their large shipments of gold. The whole country is very rich. Leaving the Lac La Hache valley the next important stopping place is the one hundred and fifty mile house. This is an important distributing point for a rich ranching and mining section. At Williams' Lake, a few miles west of the One Hundred and Fifty Mile House the Federal Government have erected a large industrial school for the Indians. There is also located at this place a Roman Catholic school which is well conducted and patronized. Branching off to the northeast from the One Hundred and Fifty Mile House a road leads to Queenelle Forks where the richest hydraulic mines in the country are located and being worked. Continuing on the Trunk line from the One Hundred and Fifty Mile House it is only twenty-eight miles to Soda Creek, a small town on the

as far as Queenelle Mouth, passing some extensive farms. Queenelle is another important mineral and agricultural center. From Queenelle the road leaves the Fraser, and leads in a north-easterly direction through a mountainous and timbered country to Barkerville, the centre of the Cariboo gold



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producing region. The British Columbia Express Company also operate a stage mail and express route from Ashcroft to Lillooet, a distance of 60 miles, making the trip each way in one day.

Cariboo is still forging her way onward to ultimate prosperity, contrary to the pessimistic ideas advanced by a few who have secured a competency through the medium of the early gold excitement, and do not wish to see the district throbbing under a new era of development. In no way can the advancement of a particular section of country be better noted than by gauging its commercial business. Now

penetrate her rich valleys and rugged slopes, but at present and until that day arrives her imports, exports and passenger traffic will be handled as for many years past by the well regulated stage line, the festive bull team, the four-in-hand overland freight wagon or old time pack trail.

It is nearly three hundred miles from Ashcroft, Cariboo's distributing point on the main line of the C.P.R. to Barkerville, the chief villages in the northern portion of the district. This long stretch of country is traversed by a highway (the old Cariboo road, famous for the wonderful engineering in its construction), along which are scattered small villages and mining camps, and from which numerous trails lead to outlying camps and ranches. The merchants doing business in this sparsely settled region being unable to operate their shipping business from Eastern and Pacific markets have largely placed this line of their interests in the care of Harvey, Bailey & Co., the well known Ashcroft merchants, who, in connection with their large retail and order business, make a specialty of forwarding, occupying for this department alone a warehouse one hundred and ten by twenty feet on the main line of the C. P. R. near the Ashcroft station. Here the greater portion of merchandise for the Cariboo country as well as other adjacent districts is carefully assorted and hurried on to its destination with all the despatch possible.

A few words about this enterprising firm will not be uninteresting. Both Mr. Harvey and Mr. Bailey are typical British Columbians both coming to the country when very young. Mr. Harvey from England and Mr. Bailey from California. It is a strange coincidence that in early days when Yale figured as the colonies' distributing point, being located at the head of navigation on the Fraser river, these two young men clerked together in Oppenheimer's store; then in railway construction days they have been found as bookkeepers working respectively for Contractor Keefer and for Messrs. Sinclair and Tappan. And now, while comparatively young men, they are together not as companions but co-partners in one of British



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Fraser river. In early days a steamer plied on the Fraser River from Soda Creek to Queenelle, a distance of sixty miles. The Chilcotin country is tributary to Soda Creek. There are fine stock raising facilities in the Chilcotin country and several good ranches. From Soda Creek north the road follows the Fraser river



B. C. EXPRESS CO.'S STAGE LEAVING ASHCROFT FOR THE CARIBOO COUNTRY.

while it is pleasing to know that the output of gold from historic Cariboo is on the increase it is equally interesting to know that the volume of general business throughout the district is also increasing, not by skips and jumps, but in a steady, sober manner which bespeaks for its hopeful, hard-working people an early realization of their fondest hope—railroad facilities for the development of the district's natural resources.

Cariboo wants a branch railroad, and some day in the not distant future the iron horse will

Columbia's most active business firms. The present partnership has existed since 1891.

The Harvey, Bailey & Co. store is located on the principal street facing the railway station. It is a large two-story structure about 30 x 60 feet, with a 25 x 60 foot warehouse adjoining. The stock carried is large and varied including everything adapted to the needs of the country, groceries, clothing, dry goods, boots and shoes, patent medicines and notions, hardware and all kind of miners' supplies and outfits. From here a large order business is done