

Kootenay Landing at the head of Kootenay Lake, and thence (for the present) by steamer to Nelson, from which there is railway and steamboat connection with all parts of the country. Steamers ply daily to all the towns on Kootenay Lake—Ainsworth, Pilot Bay, Kaslo, Kootenay Landing, etc., and regularly to Lardo, in the Lardeau country, from which rail communication is now established with Trout Lake, and will be continued to the Columbia River at Arrowhead. The Lardeau country is a most promising one, and the mines there, which show great values in gold and silver-lead ores, are being rapidly developed. The Slocan mining region can also be reached by rail and steamboat on Slocan Lake daily. Rossland, the centre of the Trail Creek district, is connected with Nelson by the Canadian Pacific Railway system, which has also been extended into the Boundary Country to the west, on which there is a daily service. A magnificent bridge has been constructed across the Columbia at Robson, giving through service from Nelson to all points west of the river.

From the west these regions are most easily reached from Revelstoke, on the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway, about midway between the eastern slope of the Rockies and the Pacific Coast. From this point a branch line runs south twenty-five miles to Arrowhead, at the head of Upper Arrow Lake, from which the fine steamers of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company run to Nakusp, near the foot of the lake, from which there is rail communication with the towns of the Slocan, the principal of which are New Denver and Sandon, the centre of a rich mining region, and to Robson, near the mouth of the Lower Kootenay River, where the Canadian Pacific Railway's branches reach to Trail and Rossland, to Nelson, and to the Boundary Country. From Arrowhead the Trout Lake district is reached by small steamer.

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REVELSTOKE, on the Canadian Pacific Railway, at the junction with the Arrowhead branch, is one of the chief towns of West Kootenay, and has shown great progress during the past three years, when a large number of buildings were erected. It is a mining town between the Gold and Selkirk ranges, and is the chief source of supply for the Big Bend country to the north. Population about 2,500.

HALCYON HOT SPRINGS, on Upper Arrow Lake, twelve miles from Arrowhead, is a favorite health resort, the waters of the springs having peculiar curative properties. A fine hotel and cottages for visitors are erected here.

NAKUSP, near the foot of Upper Arrow Lake, is the initial point of the Nakusp & Slocan branch of the Canadian Pacific Railway. It is prettily situated, and has a shipyard, at which the fine steamers plying on the Columbia River and Arrow Lakes are constructed. A large saw-mill is in operation here.

NEW DENVER, on the east side of Slocan Lake, at the mouth of Carpenter's Creek, is the seat of government of the Slocan district. There is daily steamboat communication between New Denver, Rosebery, Silverton (four miles