

150 Mile House.

Then in turn the traveller reaches the 150 Mile House from which hamlet, branch roads run to the Chilcote, Horsefly and Quesnel Forks districts, all these branch lines are equipped with good stages carrying the mails, passengers and express into the remotest corners of these districts. The 150 Mile House, which with the Williams Lake and Chimney Creek country is situated in a good agricultural section of country, is owned and operated by the Cariboo Trading Company and their general store is the central supply point for the Chilcote, Horsefly and Quesnel Forks districts. A full line of general merchandise suitable for the miner, rancher, hunter, trapper is always kept on hand.

The Horsefly and Quesnel Forks sections are principally mining and these camps have experienced all the vagaries of mining life, to-day doing well and everything flourishing, tomorrow neglected and deserted for new pastures.

Soda Creek.

Continuing on the main Cariboo Road from the 150 Mile House the route is still northward for some 28 miles, when for the first time the road touches the Fraser River at Soda Creek. Soda Creek is a pretty hamlet nestling on the banks of the Fraser and is noted for its grain and fruit growing propensities. At this point the traveller may vary the road travel by taking a commodious river steamer for an eight hour run up the Fraser connecting again with the Cariboo road at Quesnel. A second steamer is now under construction which it is proposed to run between Soda Creek and Fort George. This latter point occupies an important geographical situation and is destined to become one of the main stations on the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway which is now under construction.

Should the traveller prefer keeping the highway from Soda Creek he will see much good agricultural land, mostly hay and grain, and many nice ranches such as Moffat's, Australian, Bohanon's and Kersley are passed before arriving at Quesnel.

Quesnel.

Quesnel is beautifully situated at the junction of the Quesnel River with the Fraser and was founded some forty years ago by the late Senator Reid. The town has two hotels, several good stores, flour and saw mill and is the centre of a rich agricultural country which supplies most of the Cariboo mines with produce, beef, dairying, etc. A mild climate, crops can be grown without irrigation, and high prices can be obtained for all farm products.

Barkerville.

From Quesnel the stage enters upon its last lap of sixty two miles passing enroute the mining camps of Stanley, Van Winkle, La Fontaine and Wingdam and finally entering the old historic town of Barkerville known in the olden days as Richfield. This quaint old time town which was the Mecca of the gold seekers in 1859, built in the channel of a creek-bed and with most of the buildings erected on stilts, has had a glorious if somewhat brief career. Several gold propositions which are still being worked around Barkerville may yet prove rich enough to attract another rush into this country and while not likely to assume such proportions as the 1859, will this time be more permanent.

Barkerville has good hotels and general stores and although the town is a few miles from the railroad yet within a short time a connection will doubtless be made with the G. T. P. Ry. some eighty miles of intervening country with easy grades being the only obstacle in the way of this desirable connection.