

BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

The valley is also fortunate in possession two large lakes, Windermere and Columbia, which afford a means of transportation. The railway skirts these lakes for a distance of thirty miles. There are five stations in this distance.

There are four small towns, namely: Wilmer, Athalmer, Invermere and Windermere, with churches, schools, hotels, stores and other conveniences. There is a good telephone system between Golden and the Windermere district, and most of the farms are on the line.

The completion of the railway in 1915 enabled the partially developed mines such as the Paradise, Lead Queen, Ptarmigan, Black Diamond to commence shipping to the smelter at Trail, B.C.; the first named having now shipped about 300 cars. The ores generally in the district are high grade silver-lead.