

The delegates have the opportunity of seeing the city and meeting its inhabitants. Situated as it is, however, on the west arm of the lake, where rail and boat meet, and with such a stretch of magnificent water at their doors, it is no wonder that the people of Nelson should be devoted to boating. Probably in no city of its size in the whole of Canada are there the same number of craft of different kinds, canoes, rowboats, launches, etc. In this respect, as in others, the people of Nelson make the most of the city's natural advantages.

During the Conference it has been arranged to entertain the delegates to a launch trip up the lake to Ferndale Park, where lunch will be served. This trip will serve a double purpose. It will give the delegates an opportunity of realizing the pleasure which the people of Nelson enjoy through the facilities for boating afforded by Kootenay Lake, and will also provide an opportunity for them to see the manner in which the fruit growing industry is being developed. As they see the various ranches along the lake it will be hard for them to realize that four, five, six or seven years ago this land, that is now producing so bountifully, was regarded as barren and desolate and without value. What the past has brought forth in this respect, however, is only a forerunner of what the future will produce.

In conclusion, may it be said for the people of Nelson that they wish the delegates a pleasant and profitable stay in their city, and hope they will carry away from it a lasting impression of its beauties, its advantages and its possibilities.

The Conference District

FOR the second time in its history, the British Columbia Conference of the Methodist Church meets in the West Kootenay District, and in its chief church, in the city of Nelson. Nine years ago, May 1901, the Conference ventured beyond the bounds of the coast churches, and came to what is sometimes called "The upper country."

It is fitting that we should be reminded that the Conference District has memories that will be precious, increasingly so, as the years pass; indeed, many of the facts concerning the early history of our Church in the Kootenay country are in danger of being lost to us, because the few who knew them are passing in silence.