



the construction of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway will open up in the section between Newport at the head of Howe Sound and Lillooet, a distance of 120 miles, one of the greatest playgrounds on the North American continent. Thither will flock thousands of tourists from all parts of the world to enjoy the majestic scenery or to engage in all forms of healthy outdoor recreation. The attractions of this almost unknown region are varied. Fishermen can be assured of splendid sport in the countless streams and numerous lakes that exist along the route, while mountain climbers will discover scores of rugged peaks and glaciers that have not as yet been scaled. Up to the present this region has been almost inaccessible owing to the lack of transportation facilities. A narrow pack trail, hugging the edges of rocky cliffs and winding over yawning precipices, extends from Newport across the summit of the Coast Range to Pemberton Meadows, about sixty miles. Sportsmen have hitherto been content to penetrate less than ten miles inland from the Coast, the region beyond being to them a veritable howling wilderness. Not a few members of the British Columbia Mountaineering Club have won the distinction of having ascended Mount Garibaldi, twelve miles east of Newport. The climb from the valley is over 9,000 feet. Mount Murchison, with an elevation of 6,000 feet on the west side of Howe Sound, has also been conquered by other intrepid explorers.

With the completion of the railway all the present unfavorable conditions will be changed. The line is now being extended north up the narrow valley of the Cheakamus River, a clear and swift-running stream which, fed by many smaller tributaries, takes its rise in the melting glaciers on the summit of the range. This river is described as one of the best trout streams in British Columbia. Cataracts, pools and rapids abound in its sinuous and tumultuous descent to tidewater. There is a plateau six miles long on the summit. It is almost level and dotted with three lakes, the largest of which, Green Lake, is three miles in length. Their waters literally teem with rainbow trout and grayling. These lakes are all connected by creeks. Green Lake lies farthest north and its waters overflow into Green River, which descends the north slope of the range into the Lillooet River at Pemberton Meadows. The other two lakes flow into a tributary of the Cheakamus. They are all fed by scores of glaciers which surround the plateau like a vast amphitheatre.

Railway engineers engaged on the location survey have declared that in all their experience they have never enjoyed better fishing than that afforded in these lakes, which are situated at an elevation of about 3,500 feet above sea level. Some of the surrounding peaks attain an altitude of 9,500 feet. The upper reaches of the Cheakamus and the Green River are densely wooded and are the haunt of deer and partridge, while black bear and grizzlies on the higher peaks are very numerous, according to the reports of trappers. Goat and sheep are also very plentiful. It is certain that a few years hence will see the erection of a large summer hotel on the summit of the divide for the accommodation of tourists and other pleasure seekers. Every city along the Coast will send its hundreds of visitors as soon as the attractions of this region of scenic grandeur and good sport become better known.

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