

Nelson, on the west arm, is the third city in importance in the province. In 1886 ore was accidentally discovered on Toad Mountain, so in the following year the townsite of Nelson was located. The Hall Mines smelter was built for the treatment of copper-silver, but latterly its work has been confined to lead ores. Nelson is well built and beautifully situated. By railway or steamer it is in close touch with the rest of Kootenay and also with the Boundary. Southward is the Ymir Camp, where the ore is chiefly free milling gold, and where the largest stamp mill in the province is to be found. Eastward are orchards along the west arm as far as Procter; and westward, in the Kootenay River, are the Bonnington Falls, which supply Trail, Rossland and Nelson with light and power.



BONNINGTON FALLS, KOOTENAY RIVER.