

CRANBROOK AND DISTRICT

The city has a handsome municipal building, six churches, two opera houses, three banks, large hospital, containing rooms with room addition now under construction, curling and skating rinks, 9 hotels, large Y.M.C.A., Masonic Hall, I.O.O.F. and K. of P. Hall. The Dominion Government has under construction a large brick building for post office and customs.

INDUSTRIAL

Cranbrook is the commercial centre and distributing point for the District. Its financial and material development is assured by the many industries tributary, for example, that of lumber, comprising some 25 saw mills having an average daily capacity of 1,000,000 feet board measure, besides the large number employed in making railway ties, mine props, poles, posts and piling, which constitute by no means a small item, and the continuance of this industry is assured for many decades by the great wealth of the forests.

It is also the employment and supply centre for the mines, and the market point for the farmers of the District.

The city has two good newspapers and three job printing plants. It has numerous well appointed stores, wholesale grocery and hardware establishments, two sash and door factories, brick yard, steam laundry and foundry. It has an excellent electric light system which is in a position to furnish electricity for power. It has a municipally owned gravity water system, and a sewage system is in course of construction. The telephone system for the district centres here and furnishes remarkably cheap communication between all points in the District, and its trunk line connects with the western States on the one side and the Prairie Provinces on the other.

At Cranbrook also is the divisional point of the Canadian Pacific Railway and the headquarters of the Superintendent and Resident Engineer. From this point is operated the North Star branch, the C. & B. Railway, Macleod to Calgary; and to these will be added the Kootenay Central, now being constructed between the adjacent town of Wardner and the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway, about 200 miles to the north.