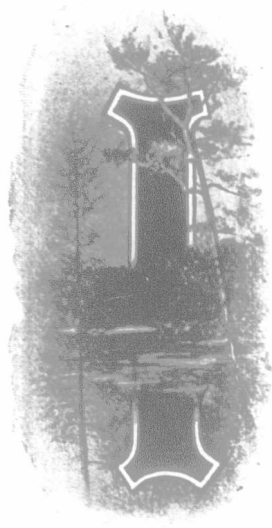


THE KOOTENAY



IN the Kootenay District of British Columbia mining was the sole subject of interest up to two or three years ago. Nelson—the metropolis of the Kootenay, is now a city of 5,000 people, and it first sprang into being in 1897—just ten years ago—during the time of the Rossland mining boom.

To-day Nelson is one of the most active and bustling cities in the Dominion of Canada, and it is one of the few cities in which the present financial depression is not felt.

The citizens of Nelson are firm believers in public ownership of public utilities, and consequently the City owns its own Electric Light plant, and water works, and operates its street railway, which is owned by English capitalists. Situated on the Kootenay Lake, which is one of the most beautiful of inland waters, it is a delightful picture of contentment and happiness amid beautiful surroundings. Not only does this apply to the city itself, but to the surrounding district. Up to 1904 the citizens of Nelson gave their whole thought and attention to mining and lumbering, but in that year the quality of the fruit which was growing in the gardens in the district began to attract considerable attention, and in 1905 a collection was made up and sent to the Royal Horticultural Society's Exhibition in London with the result that the fruit won the highest award by the Society for district exhibits. The eyes of the world were then opened to the possibilities of the Kootenay and immediately a great demand for Kootenay lands sprang up. This demand continues to-day, and as the Kootenay year after year wins new laurels, the demand will ever increase, as will also the values.

One must not imagine that all land in the Kootenay is good fruit land. Much of it is solid rock without a vestige of soil. The bulk of it is side hill and mountain tops. Some localities are subject to frost and some are not. Thus it is that only a small acreage is suitable for fruit, and is of any practical value.



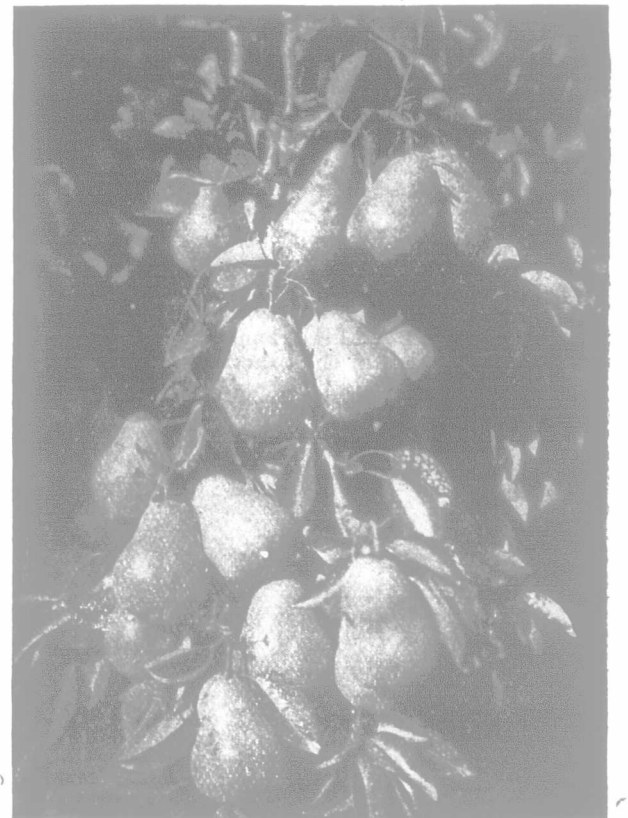
A TYPICAL FRUIT RANCH.

Much injury has been done to the district by irresponsible agents selling land of the worthless class. The purchaser of Kootenay land will do well to confine himself to old established agencies with good references and buy only in well known districts.

Among the various subdivisions now on the market there is none better known or more frequently spoken of than *Robson*, which has rightly earned for itself the title "The Cream of the Kootenay." There is not much level land in the Kootenay, but at Robson there is possibly a larger percentage of level land than in any other Kootenay subdivision. There is some side hill of course,—it wouldn't be in the Kootenay if there wasn't—but this side hill is particularly desirable for grapes, peaches or early fruits. The altitude of Robson is four hundred feet lower than Kootenay Lake. This combined with a direct southern exposure eliminates any possibility of damage from frost. The transportation facilities are of the best, there being morning and evening trains to and from Nelson and eastern points, Rossland, Trail, Greenwood and Grand Forks, while the

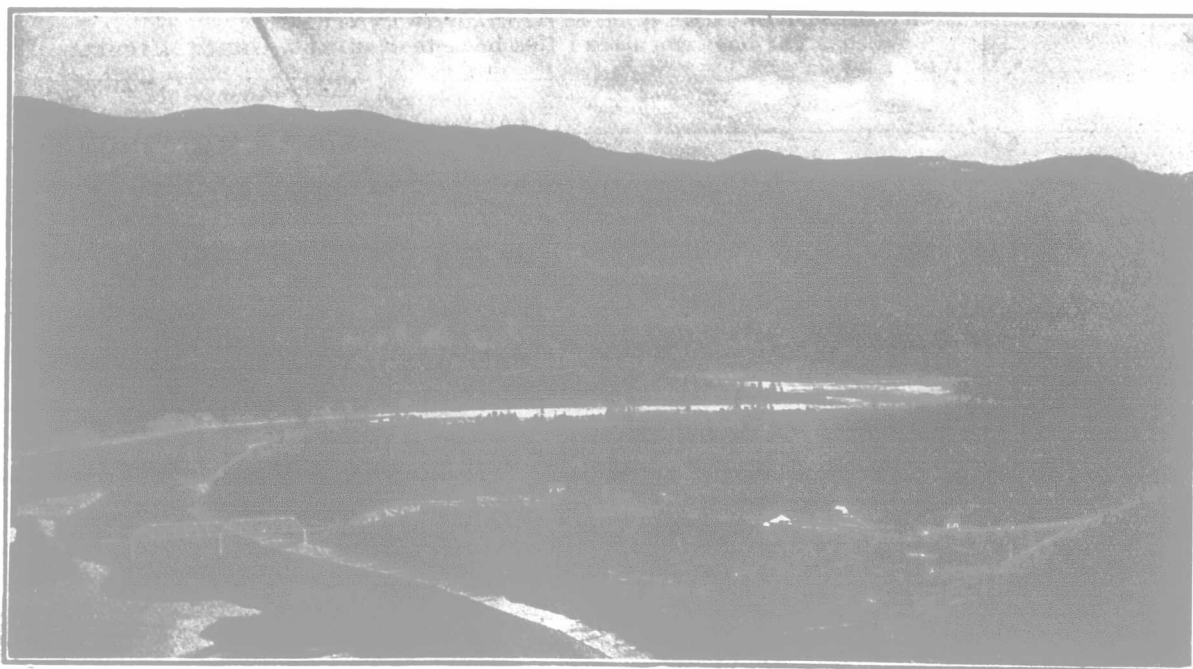
C. P. R. steamers ply between Robson and Revelstoke. This enables the rancher located there to ship his fruit to the Northwest over either the main line or the Crow's Nest railway.

The owners of this subdivision have shown considerable tact in the manner in which they have subdivided their property, viz., in long narrow lots, which bring the ranchers close together and completely does away with any isolation,—that great bugbear of the prairie. In fact, Robson will in a couple of years be "an



A KOOTENAY PRODUCT.

orchard city." Owing to the exceptional transportation, telephone and telegraph facilities, one must naturally feel as though he is living in the suburbs of a metropolis. The beautiful Columbia river flowing past the property adds greatly to the many advantages and enjoyments thereof. Robson will eventually become one of the most prosperous and most delightful districts in the whole Kootenay, and those who buy there to-day will reap rich rewards in a few years hence.



A VIEW AT ROBSON.