

In addition to its mineral wealth the district possesses in the Naas Valley the largest area of agricultural land in British Columbia, the major portion of which, according to Mr. W. E. Scott, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, is suitable for mixed farming and small fruits, and hundreds of thousands of acres of land now await the settler. A small portion of the valley has been taken up by investors looking for enhanced values with the advent of the railroads, which must soon traverse the country.

Timber Wealth Great.

The timber wealth of the country is very great, and although hardly comparable with the timbered areas in the southern portion of the province, will nevertheless be of immense value upon the opening up of the country. A large proportion of it could be utilized in the manufacture of pulp, for which the numberless lakes and streams could furnish unlimited power.

At the outlet of Meziaden Lake, the Canadian North Eastern Power Company Ltd. have secured the rights to the water power there, and it is presumed that this will be used in connection with supplying power to the mines of Portland Canal, and for electrical haulage in the vicinity. At the present time extensive improvements are being undertaken by the Fisheries Department of the Dominion Government in the entrance to the Lake to permit an easier access to the myriads of salmon that ascend the Naas River to spawn. About \$15,000 will be available for this work, which will be of immense benefit in preserving the fisheries of the Naas from depletion. A hatchery is also spoken of in connection with the work now being undertaken, and would be of great value in augmenting the yearly run.

A Scene of Grandeur.

Meziaden Lake is a beautiful sheet of water thirteen miles in length. The scenery surrounding it is of the grandest description, the mighty mountains of the Coast Range towering to the westward, and on either hand the low rolling foothills and stretching valley lands fading into the distance. On the coast side of the range, the mountains descend abruptly to the valleys, their crests covered with eternal snow, and their gorges filled with mighty glaciers, rearing their icy fronts above the rushing torrents that sweep as yet unharnessed to the sea.