

Nelson—Queen City of the Kootenay

cut into great geographical areas by interior navigable lakes and rivers, British Columbia presents a variety of aspects and conditions unknown to any other province in Canada.

"There is room for millions in British Columbia and there is diversity of soil, climate and industry which make the appeal of this province remarkably strong."

Its climate ranges from the mildest of the North Temperate Zone almost to the Arctic; but throughout the entire province, save where the altitude precludes the possibility, presents a climate suitable for all the hardy grains, fruits and vegetables.

The rainfall varies from the exceedingly heavy precipitation of the coast to the moderate rainfall of the Kootenay and Arrow Lake country, and to the comparatively dry climate of the district adjacent to Kamloops.

In soil there is an equally wide variation. It is possible in British Columbia to find some of the richest and heaviest clay soils in the world, and from this the soil variation runs to loam and even light sand, but, as a rule, the soil of the upper country, save in river bottoms, inclines to an easily-worked, friable loam.

With such diversity of soil and climate the products also vary. There are certain sections of British Columbia in which oats and hay will make greater growth than in any other portion of the Dominion. For years the more favored

sections of the province have been famous for the growth of apples, pears, plums, peaches, cherries and small fruits. Not alone as an agricultural and horticultural province is British Columbia famous. The mining areas, though vast in extent, have scarcely yet been touched, but enough has been done to show the possibility of the future, and to indicate that in potentialities British Columbia is one of the greatest mineral provinces in the British Empire.

"Great natural forest wealth is one of the outstanding features of the province."

The province has always been famous for its lumber. Its giant trees have been heard of the wide world over, and some conception of the development that has taken place in the last few years may be gleaned from the following statement of



Picnic Grounds near Nelson