



BEFORE BREAKFAST.

The Hudson's Bay Company, although this was not one of the trading posts of that "ancient and honorable" Company, has one of its modern establishments here. Many of the largest and best-known Corporations have their offices for British Columbia in this City, as for instance the London & British Columbia Gold Fields Company, Whitewater Mines Company, Ymir Mining Company, Athabasca Gold Mining Company, Poorman Gold Mining Company, Duncan United Mines, and many others.

Nelson is also the headquarters of the district for the Provincial Government. Here are the Court House, the Registry Office, the Gold Commissioner and Government Agent's Office, the Provincial Jail and Provincial Police Office. It is the judicial centre for the Kootenay district and has a resident Local Judge of the County Court.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Company has a large establishment, and in its yards are some six miles of track, often filled to their utmost capacity. It has repairing shops and the offices of the Local Superintendent and other officials.

The hotel accommodation of Nelson is excellent; the Hume, the Phair and the Queen's are first-class hotels, and there are a dozen or more others, all good and comfortable, where cheaper rates can be obtained.

In amusements and means of entertainment Nelson is well supplied. A Social Club with some 150 members, a good Opera House, seating about 700; Musical and Operatic Societies, Gun, Lawn Tennis, Cricket, Lacrosse and other Sporting and Athletic Associations are all to be found.

Last, but not least of these, is the Nelson Boat Club, a well-patronized institution. Its new boat house, just