

**Plateau, Soil, and Grasses.**—The plateau is a semi-open country of great extent, the wooded portions being covered principally with small willows, also some poplar and spruce. The district is not nearly so open as the Pouce Coupe Valley, but the soil is more fertile and the vegetation is more luxuriant, and, despite two dry seasons, the vegetation at the time of my visit (September, 1917) varied in height from 3 to 5 feet, was exceedingly thick, and consisted of rye-grass, couch-grass, red-top, fringed brome, vetches, and some little peavine. This stretch of country extends to the eastern side of the Dowlunon Block with various breaks; north, to above the northern boundary of the Block, with considerable open land on and around Indian



Peace River, B.C. "The Gates," from the west.



Cattle on E. P. Borden's Ranch, Swan Lake, Peace River, B.C.

Reserve No. 172 near Charlie Lake; and west, to about Cache Creek, with some stretches of timbered land, principally spruce, as, for example, the land around Charlie Lake.

**Soil, etc.**—The soil consists of from 6 to 12 inches of mould on a subsoil of clay loam, gradually giving place to a heavy clay formation at about 2 feet deep. This country is slightly rolling, with low hills around Charlie Lake. At places there is a considerable outcropping of rocks, some limestone. The altitude of this plateau varies from 2,100 to 2,400 feet.