

ELKO'S principal industry at present is the lumber business. Operating in Elko are the North Star Lumber Company with a finishing capacity of 100,000 feet per day, and the Leask & Johnson Lumber Co. & Planing Mill, with a capacity of 60,000 feet per day. Within a radius of 12 miles around Elko are The Rock Creek Lumber Company, with a capacity of 40,000 feet per day, the Crow's Nest Pass Lumber Coy., 60,000 feet per day, Baker's Lumber Company, 80,000 feet per day, and The Ross-Saskatoon Lumber Company 80,000 feet per day. The lumber business is practically in its initial stages, as there are vast areas of merchantable timber still standing in the valleys about Elko.



YARDS AND MILLS OF NORTH STAR LUMBER COMPANY, ELKO, B. C.

IN ADDITION to its agricultural and mineral lands the Elko district possesses an invaluable asset in the large quantity of timber which is distributed throughout its area. A large percentage of the timber may be classed as merchantable, while there are some extensive tracts of woodland which are valuable for fuel, fencing and other domestic purposes. The large timber includes Douglas fir, Western yellow or bull pine, spruce, larch and other cone-bearing trees, as well as a variety of deciduous trees including birch, poplar, alder and other useful woods. The present stand of timber in the Columbia-Kootenay Valley should supply lumber to a large population for many generations to come.