

CITY OF NELSON.

NELSON, the metropolis of the far-famed mineral district of Kootenay, is situated on the shore of the Western Arm (near its south-west extremity) of Kootenay Lake. The geographical position of Nelson is unique, in that it is in the centre of the richest Gold, Silver and Copper bearing region of Kootenay. Trade and commerce have made the most of its natural advantages, so much so that within ten years the city has expanded from a few log huts into the largest and busiest inland city in British Columbia.

The great railway companies have not been slow to recognize this fact, for no fewer than three branches of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, viz: the Slocan River, the Columbia & Kootenay, and the Crow's Nest Pass Railways have made Nelson their terminus. Nelson is also the British Columbia terminus for the Nelson and Fort Sheppard Railway (now the property of the Great Northern Railway Company), which line connects the City with the principal railroads of the United States.

Nelson is also the chief port for the extensive Kootenay Lake trade. There are several services of steamers plying daily from the City to various points on the lake.

A level plateau, well above high water mark, extending along the shore of the lake, has been partly monopolized by the business portion of the city. Beyond the plateau, the land undulates, then gradually slopes upwards until the base of the surrounding mountains is reached. On this higher ground is spread the residential portion of the city.

A site more admirably adapted for a commercial and residential city could hardly be found.

How to Reach Nelson.

At the present moment, the most direct and most comfortable route to Nelson from Eastern or Western Canada, or from New York, is by the Canadian Pacific Railway. At Revelstoke, on the company's main line, a station about midway between the Eastern