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FROM REVELSTOKE TO AGASSIZ

Revelstoke, a town of about 2,000 of a population, is situated in the valley of the Columbia river, between the Selkirk and Gold mountain ranges, at an elevation of 1,475 feet above sea level. The town was originally located on the banks of the river about a mile and a half from where the railway station now is, but the

From Revelstoke a branch line runs to Arrowhead, at the head waters of Upper Arrow lake, where connection can be made for the Lardo, Slocan and Kootenay districts. Two C. P. R. steamers are employed on the Arrow lakes, running from Arrowhead to Robson, at the latter point train connection being avail-

able to Nelson, Rossland and the Boundary country. From Nakusp, on Upper Arrow lake the C. P. R. have a branch line to Sandon, connecting at Roseberry with their Slocan lake steamer. A daily service is maintained on these lines so that practically the whole of interior British Columbia is within easy reach of Revelstoke.

There are very few mines near Revelstoke, but some very fine strikes are reported to have been made in the Lardo and also in what is known as the Big Bend country, so called from the bend made by the Columbia river in passing round or through the Selkirk mountains. These properties are still mostly in the development stage, so that nothing definite is as yet known as to their producing capabilities, but the showings so far have been very satisfactory.

Kamloops, meaning "the meeting of the waters," is situated at the confluence of the North and South Thompson rivers, in a valley ranging in width from a mile to two and a half miles, which is hedged in on either side by gradually rising hills and contains a large area of land suitable for farming and stock raising. This ranching land extends for twenty-five miles to the north along the western bank of the river, to the east around Salmon Arm and to the south in the Nicola country. Large numbers of cattle are raised in these sections and shipped to the coast and other British Columbia points, including Atlin, and some fruit and vegetables are also



recent growth has been towards the station, so that it is badly scattered. The majority of the hotels and several stores are at the old town, but the most of the business places are in the newer portion, while the intervening space is partly occupied by dwellings.

Previous to the construction of the Crow's Nest Pass railway, this was a busy place as all the traffic over the C. P. R. to West Kootenay points had to come through Revelstoke. A large portion of the business now goes in by way of Nelson, but this is still an important divisional point, and is the supply depot for the Lardo district to the south, and the Big Bend country to the north, and, of course, all the traffic from the west to the Kootenay and Boundary district still comes this way.

Views at Kamloops.