

the Central, which was the first hotel in the place. Wm. Cowan is the proprietor of the Victoria house. Near the depot P. McCarty & Co. carry on the C.P.R. hotel, and also a butchering business. Revelstoke has its local paper, the *Kootenay Star*, which twinkles once a week for the benefit of the inhabitants. The *Star* is owned by H. McCutchen and edited by J. W. Vail. A lively paper has also been started at Nelson, called *The Miner*.

Revelstoke is the official headquarters for the district of West Kootenay, and has the court house, jail and other offices and officers for the district. G. C. Tunstall is the magistrate and gold commissioner.

Quite a quantity of raw furs are handled by the local dealers, including beaver, otter, wolf, lynx, mink, fisher, wolverine, caribou, black, brown, silver tip bear and cinnamon bear, and occasionally a grizzly bear skin is brought in. There is quite a Chinese population in the place in proportion to its size. There is no cultivated land in the vicinity, but as wild fruits and other varieties of vegetable life grow well in the valley, no doubt the land in the valley would do well under cultivation if cleared for that purpose.

Revelstoke has been kept back very much, especially in the class of buildings erected, by the trouble about the town site. Owing to the disputed ownership of the land, residents would not put up good buildings, and others left because they could not get a proper title for property upon which to build. This difficulty, however, is now obviated.

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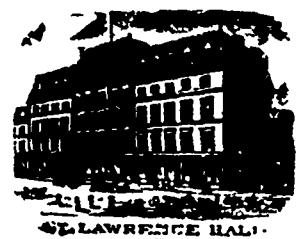
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