Its Mineral Wealth - Prosper Towns Growing up on all Sides.

Mr. Joshus Davies, of Victoria, has just returned from the Kootenay country and in an interview with a reporter of the Colonist expressed himself more than ever impressed with the prospects of that section. He says that the travelling facilities are anything but good. He went in by the Little Dalles, and found the steamer Lytton tied up at the mouth of the Kootenay, but he could see no reason why the train should not await the arrival of the steamer and start punctually on time. Instead, the passengers had to wait until seven o'clock the next morning, and then walk, through a drizzling rain, over a mile to the train. The Columbia and Kootenay service, from Robson to Nelson, appeared to be run in no person's interests—certainly not in the interests of the travelling public. Navigation from Revelstoke to Robson was eight days later this year thanlast.

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Up to the date at which Mr. Davies left the district no freight had come down from Revelstoke, but the first boat of the season had carried some 150 passengers. The steamers on the lake are the Galena, the Spokane, and the Nelson. Although the last is the best boat, she is unpopular because of her high charges. The other boats have reasonable rates, sail with regularity, and are in very accommodating hands.

Nelson is, by far, the principal town of Kootenay, and if the Nelson & Fort Sheppard railway were in operation, it would add much to the importance and prosperity of the town. There are a great number of excellent buildings being run up, but rents are still high. The Government wharf at the foot of Hall street, is nearing completion, and, when handed over by the contractors, will be a substantial piece of work, over 500 feet in length. Indications are that the town will gradually move northward, toward the lake. The banks are doing a good business, and proving a great convenience. The principal hotel, the Phair, is also doing well, but hopes to do better. There is a good deal of wholesome excitement in mining matters, the Toad Mountain, the Silver King, the Dandy, the Iroquois, the Silver Queen, and others, having been worked throughout the winter, with good results. The Dandy is said to be improving as work proceeds, but operations are retarded by the heavy snowfalls. There are said to be nine feet in depth of the "beautiful" on the mountainsation of the said to be improving as work proceed, but operations are retarded by the heavy snowfalls. There are said to be nine feet in depth of the "beautiful" on the mountainsation of the said to be improving as work proceeds, but operations are retarded by the heavy snowfalls. There are said to be nine feet in depth of the "beautiful" on the mountainsation of the said to be presented to t

attraction.

The Kaslo townsite is being rapidly cleared, and many buildings are erected and in course of erection. About one hundred men were waiting to get into the place. The townsite is at the north of the Kootenay Lake, with a fine harbor, and grand prospects. It is, however, out of the ordinary line of travel.

Mr. Davies' impressions of the Kootenay ountry are very favorable, and he thinks that if the people of B. C. had as much faith in their province as have the Americans, it would well for the province.

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Some Pretty Fancy Articles.

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Pretty little pen wipers are made of light brown chamois skin with some simple design cut out and white kid put underneath, showing through the opening. In some the design is outlined with gold thread.

A very handsome scarf to throw over a lady's writing desk is made of light steel blue satin with yellow pansies worked in their natural shades in solid embroidery and finished with a long and short tassle fringe to match all the colors used.

Two pretty table scarfs lately seen were made, one of rich, bright shades of mahogany; one end is plain and the other has a study of magnolias painted on it. The other scarf was blue plush, and on one end swallows painted on it. There are seven of the swallows and they are so tastefully arranged in one group that they seem to be in flight.

A nice little present to give a young mother is a "Baby's Book." It has a cover of rough cream paper and is filled with blank leaves. The cover is tied with narrow blue ribbon and says "Baby's Book." in gold letters. This book is intended to record all the bright sayings of the child, together with the date of the first tooth and when the first steps were taken.

A very handsome window lamberquin is made of plush (any color). Cut a piece the required depth and width of the window. At some distance from each end make a deep, perpendicular slash and draw the portion between the slashes—which should be a little shorter than the ends—from the left end and lift high at the right edge by folding it in three up turning plaits, tacking securely. Fasten a bow of ribbon over the plaits and finish the edge of the lambrequin with plush balls. On the ond pieces embroider a spray of flowers. Line with silesia, sateen or canton flamel.

will go by the cheaper route. The Columbia is very difficult to navigate at low water, and the Federal Governments—the U.S. and the Domin'on—might very easily straighten the channel to the advantage of all concerned.

The opinion of the Americans is," said Mr. Davies, "that the Kootenay country will prove the richet on the continent. They are convinced that the ore bodies are the largest in the country—the largest they have ever seen—and that all that is needed to develop its resources is better transportation facilities. The cne thing that will open this country more than anything else is the building of the Nelson and Fort Sheppard Railway, thus giving three competing lines, one of which at least could be operated the year round. The Provincial Government and the C.P.R., who are the owners of the townsite of Nelson, should spend a portion at least, of the proceeds of their sales upon clearing the town and making streets. The residents of Nelson have abiding faith in the town, and their efforts ought to be seconded by the Government and railway company.

Mr. E. C. Carpenter assured Mr. Davies that there were fully 500 men on their way to the Slocan mines. The freight rates full train), are seven cents per pound, so that provisions are dear. About 60 cabins, or shacks, had been erected by the miners on the townsite of El Dorado, and there is considerable anxiety that the property be put on the market. Not much will be known eff the output of the mines until next month, as the ground is overed with snow. Mr. Davies would advise parties intending to go to the district to keep away for 50 or 30, days, at least, when the course will be put on the market long, and be of 45, h. Mr. Davies' impressions of the Kootenay ountry are very favorable, and he thinks that it the pende of 8 C. badves when they are not pieces. Messar, Buch-nana & Yuil are building their tow boat, which will be 80 feet long, and be of 45, h. Mr. Davies' impressions of the Kootenay ountry are very favorable, and he thinks that it the pende of 8 C.

A Hindoo Cow Story.

objection if you have an important question to ask."

"Well," drawing a little closer, and in a more confidential whisper, "do you think this is a propitious time?"

"There's no one near to hinder us that I see," was the coquettish answer as the young lady glanced about the room.

"And do yo—do you think that—that you could grant the request?"

"Why, really, Mr.——, how can you expect me to answer before I know the question?"

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"Yes—true—really—well I—well——"

"Well, what?" with just the slightest impatience in her voice.

"Well, you see, I had been thinking for some time that if—if there was really no objection, I would like to ask you with what—what sort of powder you clean your teeth? I have noticed how nicely——"

But the slamming of a door as the young lady left the room broke short the sentence, and, after waiting her reply for fifteen minutes, he took his hat, and in mild surprise wandered homeward.

The next day he told his most intimate friend that Miss M—— was "a little off" the night before, but he couldn't think of anything he had said or done to offend her.

Human Beings with Horns.

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Horny exercsences arising from the human head have not only occurred in this country but have been frequently reported by English surgeons as well as those from several parts of Continental Europe. The Imperial Museum at Vienna, the British Museum of the Vatican, Rome, and several lesser institutions of the kind, have fine single specimens or whole collections of these curiosities. In the "Natural History of Cheshire" a woman is mentioned who had been afflicted with a tunor or vein on her head for thirty-two years. It finally greatly enlarged and two horns grew out of it after she was 70 years old. These horns which are each within a fraction of eleven inches long and two inches across at the base, are now in the Lonsdale collection in the British Museum. In the annals of the French Academy there is an account of one "Pietro le Diblo," or Peter, the Devil, who had three horns on his head; two, as large as these of a good-sized ram, one behind each car, and one straight one 9 1-2 inches long growing from his forehead. Did space permit I could give dozens of authentic accounts equally rare and wonderful. sects. It is, however, out of the ordinary line of travel.

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Pilot Bay is another charmingly situated town site. The soil is sandy, and the district sparsely timbered. It has a commodious bay, with every facility for shipping. Considerable property has changed hands since the sales made by Mr. Busk, and the general opinion is that the town will become a very important one. Kootenny Keclamation Co. are building their house-boat and dredger. There sult of their operations will be the reclamation of some 45,000 acres of good land, which will be placed on the market. In the immediate district some good iron ore has been discovered, carrying a large percentage of silver, a sample of which will be on exhibition in the museum in a few days.

At Goat and Duck Rivers some richstrikes have been made, carrying silver and five per cent. of copper.

Bonner's Ferry, in Idaho, is increasing, owing to the operations of the Great Northern Railway. The freight rate from Sand Point to Nelson on the N.P. is 55c per cwt., while the charges via the Columbia River and Robson are 82c per cwt., Mr. Davies thinks 'that unless the Columbia and Nootenay Navigation Company are prepared to meet this rate, the bulk of the shipments will go by the cheaper route. The Columbia is very difficult to navigate at low were, and the Federal Governments—the U.S. and the Pomin'on—might very easily straighten the charges via the Columbia and Nootenay Navigation Company are prepared to meet this rate, the bulk of the shipments will go by the cheaper route. The Columbia and route of the control of the control of the kind, have the window and deep the window and draw the portion between the left ship and the right edge by folding the day of flowers. Line with silesia, sateen or all the district some good iron ore has been discovered, carrying a large percentage of flowers. Line with silesia, sateen or any interest of the great Northern Railway. The freight rate from Sand Point to Nelson on the N.P. is 55c

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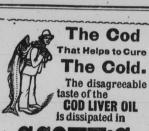
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