

BRITISH COLUMBIA is a kingdom in itself. Its climate unsurpassed, its natural resources marvelously diversified in character and incalculable in extent, it is now just entering upon an era of great development and commercial expansion that will make it a world force in the production of Metals, Coal, Fruit, Lumber, Live Stock and other Staple Products. This magnificent Province is now being gridironed with new railroads, opening up new territories for cultivation, new fields for investment, new industries for development, and money and men are pouring across its borders from all parts of the world, seeking avenues of activity.

The great Columbia-Kootenay Valley is one of the richest districts of this Province, in minerals, in agricultural, pastoral and fruit lands, in water-supply and power, in fuel and lumber, and is magnificently endowed in the grandeur of its mountain scenery.

Elko is the natural Southern gateway to this valley, which is now being opened to development by railway construction ; and being naturally adapted and selected as a railway base of operations, it seems inevitably destined to be one of the most important commercial and distributing centers in the East Kootenay District.