

### Valley Widens.

"We left Grenville on April 30th, and passed several Indian villages with their usual collection of totem poles. Proceeding up the river the valley widens out more with the same splendid soil formation. We got to Gwnoha about the end of the day. The name of this place signifies, 'Oh, how beautiful,' and it is aptly named. There is an Indian village here, with very good land in every direction. Taken as a rule, the clearing is light, and should average from \$25 to \$100 per acre. Peavine and other vegetation was growing luxuriantly, being nearly one foot in height. The country is well watered with numerous creeks.

"We left the launch at Ginoha, and walked to Aiyansh, fording the River Kshiquinmahl, a glacier-fed mountain stream. There is unlimited power for electrical purposes in this river. Aiyansh is two or three miles past the river, an ideal location. The name of the place signifies "Eternal bloom," and it is indeed justly named. Wild flowers are already out, and vegetation generally luxuriant. It is quite a large Indian settlement when they are all home, and number about 500. Many fine glaciers may be seen from Aiyansh. To the south the Seeaxe Valley stretches, and contains a very large area of first-class agricultural land. Across the river to the west of this valley are the lava plains which are estimated to be about 130 years old, at which time there must have been an eruption from a neighboring mountain. The old crater is supposed to be what is now the lake, called Lava Lake.

### Immense Area.

East of Aiyansh the Naas Valley stretches a wide beautiful tract of country for 30 or 40 miles, and must contain probably as much as 500,000 acres of land, the majority of which cannot be excelled for agricultural purposes. This valley is divided into two separate valleys by a ridge; that on the north, for a distance of over 20 miles from Aiyansh, is a pre-emption reserve; that to the south is taken up by purchase. This latter comprises the best land in the valley. If the company that owns it institute a land settlement policy, it will be a good thing, otherwise it is a pity that this valuable land was not available for pre-emption purposes.

"The country hereabouts rises from the river in a series of plateaus or benches, the quality of the land being generally good. Of gravelly and stony land there is very little. Samples