

Columbia for many of those annuals which keep our flower-beds gay in early spring. Further investigation showed that the timber of these regions was the finest in the world; the celebrated *Welingtonia gigantea*, the most splendid member of the pine family,



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being here indigenous; that coal was to be obtained with simple machinery close to the surface in almost any quantity; and soon gold was discovered on the Fraser River, which rises far up in the Rocky Mountains and pours itself into the Pacific at New Westminster. Soon it became acknowledged that the natural line of