

PREFACE.

This, the fourth issue of our series of the Directory of British Columbia, is, as usual, entirely a home production, and the work connected therewith has given employment to a number of persons, and retained within the Province some thousands of dollars.

The book has, in the various cities and settlements, far larger lists of names of residents than any other Directory.

The increasing prosperity of the Province is most encouraging, the climate, the vast and varied mineral and other resources are attracting a large population.

The completion of that grand national highway, the Canadian Pacific Railway, the contemplated extension of the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway, northward and southward, and other branch and interior lines, all point to one object, the rapid opening up of the inexhaustible fields of wealth contained within the borders of this Province.

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