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## PREFACE.

WE ARE PRESENTING our readers with the present edition of the **BRITISH COLUMBIA DIRECTORY**, we have to inform them that since the last issue the business and publication of the same has passed into other hands, and will in future be known as **The Williams Official British Columbia Directory Company (Limited.)** The late proprietor, having found that, owing to the rapid growth of the Province, and the corresponding increase of labor entailed thereby, necessitated the changing of the business into a company, on the same lines as the Seattle and Tacoma directory companies.

It will be seen that in the present issue a change in the general features of the book has been made from those of previous editions, which the Company has deemed necessary, owing to the increased population, the various cities and outlying districts of the Province, obliging them to follow similar measures as the publishing companies of the Ontario and other provincial directories, by introducing a smaller type thereby making the volume less unwieldy, and more convenient for dispatch by mail.

We have, during the past year, been much gratified and encouraged in our efforts to advertise, through the medium of the Directory, the resources of the Province, which have called forth numerous enquiries from influential persons, seeking information regarding the iron mines and other products of the country, the result of which it is hoped will be to induce enterprising capitalists to invest their money in some of the many British Columbia's profitable industries. The securities of the Province we may mention are held in high esteem, by investors generally in the great money marts of the world, which of itself is a most excellent indication of the value placed by others on the future prosperity of the country.

We desire to tender our thanks to the various persons throughout the Province who have kindly placed at our disposal any information which has aided us in making this work a success.

The Williams Official British Columbia Directory Co., Ltd.

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