Province of British Golumbia.

HE PROVINCE has an area of 390,314 square miles, population about 200,000. The country is a quadrangle of territory, 700 ries long, by 400 wide, dying month of latitude 49 degrees, and west of the central core of the Rocky Mountains, extending along the Pacific Coast as far as latitude 55 degrees, and including 2 large number of adjacent aslands. There is no mountain scenery in the world to compare with that of British Columbia.

Mineral and Other Resources of British Columbia.

There is ample farming lands for thousands of settlers on the east coast of the Mainland, the morthern and western coasts of Vancouver Island and the vast morthern finterior of the Province. Dairy farming is an important industry, fruits and cereals are grown successfully. The important factors stimulating the growth of the Province consists of its gold, silver, copper and coal mines, fisheries, tumber and excellent agricultural lands. The gold mines of Omenica, Cassiar, Atlin Lake and

Cariboo Districts, the gold, silver and copper mines of East and West Kootenay, Vancouver Island and adjacent islands and the west coast of the Mainland, B.C. The vast territory of the Yukon Basin to the north, as well as the great coal deposits on the Mainland and Vancouver Island, are not only suggestions but striking ones, of what untolld and comparitively undeveloned wealth lies behind and are bound to prove the chief factors in the future prosperity of the Province. As an illustration of the progress of one line of industry the total salmon pack of 1876 amounted to 9,874 cases, while that of 1897 was over 1,000,000 cases. Again, and most important, the yield of gold in 1802 of \$2,000,000 has during 1808 reached \$18,000,000 (including the Klondike).

For f the information the reader is referred to the various Government reports and the reports of the Vancouver Board of Trade and the British Columbia Board of Trade, as it is rather beyond the Pmits of this work to go fully into many important subjects of general interest.

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