

"out that protection would have been worse than wasted on lawyers' wranglings."

INFORMATION REQUIRED TO SECURE WISE DEVELOPMENT.

28. "Probably the wisest course would be for the Government to appoint a Commission of two or not more than three persons of practical experience (one of whom should probably be the Public Works Engineer because of his large practical engineering knowledge of British Columbia's requirements) who should first investigate the unrivalled natural water transportation facilities prevailing in the Cariboo and Ominica Districts through the Rivers and Lakes feeding the Fraser and Peace River Basins, and then run speedily through the chief Canadian and U. S. A. Waterways in the East on their way to Sweden, and thence return quickly across the Denmark Ferry by the Elbe, etc., navigations through the Iron and Coal Canals of Belgium and Northern France, from whence they could with great advantage to British Columbia return by the Panama Route to Victoria."

29. "En route on the Railways and Canals they could gather much valuable experience and useful information to lay before the Government with a view to having the wisest possible development policy designed to help the Province as a whole."

NOTE—I submit that had the Government acted upon that advice, got the best information and decided upon the policy most advantageous to this Province, B. C. citizens would have benefited thousands of dollars for every dollar thus spent.

30. "As I am informed that a small steamer is being chartered to run a party interested in British Columbia development some few hundred miles above Soda Creek next spring, no doubt such Commissioners could then get quick and cheap transportation thereon."

NOTE—I knew that, because the men forming that party had invited me to join them on that trip—which I later found was undertaken to stake vast areas of land—by false Powers of Attorney, in advance of both surveys and settlement.

31. "If the Government see their way to either approach the Dominion Government directly or allow someone to do so indirectly, I have reason to believe that the Dominion Government could be prevailed upon to send a representative of their Railway and Canal Department at the same time and so pave the way for getting the Dominion Government to do their full share in the opening up of that vast agricultural territory containing about 15,000 square miles of good land by the cheapest and most effective transportation."

NOTE—That I knew, because through the late Hon. Ralph Smith and the Interior Department, I had made enquiries while in Ottawa.—M. B. C.

32. "The following quotation from a speech in the British House of Commons in July, 1909, concisely records:—

'A Railway Company is a privileged Company upon which this House and the Nation have conferred peculiar rights and