

partly so. An instant's thought will convince the most sceptical that our main asset is scenery, as the timbered land can be included in that category for many years to come, until it is ^{cut} and that the logical thing to do is to develop what we have got most of. The scenic attractions in every part of British Columbia are unrivalled on the Continent of America. We have a playground equal to twenty-four Switzerlands, with a variety of beauty that would be a dream of delight to thousands in Eastern Canada and the Eastern and Middle States, if the same were known to them. All that is necessary is to finish essential works that are now under way and advertise in an aggressive manner, so that the one hundred and fourteen million on this North American Continent know what we have to show them.

The task is too great for any City or Municipality to undertake alone, and is entirely the duty of the Provincial Government to inaugurate and carry out for the benefit of the whole Province. The main highway through the Province from Vancouver to Alberta is already being constructed, but the sections which are not yet under construction should be commenced at once and rushed to completion. This road alone would give access to 600 miles of the grandest scenery in the world, and would be an enormous attraction to tourists from all parts of the Dominion and the United States. It would mean that private enterprise would put on local services at all points of interest; new communities would spring into existence at the different central points where special tours would commence; hotels and accomodation houses would follow suit; guides and pack horses would be ⁱⁿ demand; and business would be created in places that otherwise would never be thought of.

Take the much maligned P. G. E. Ry. as another instance. There is no finer scenic line in North America. From the time the tourist enters Howe Sound until he reaches Clinton, the traveller is overwhelmed with the beauty and grandeur of the snow-capped peaks which rise in range after range; with valley after valley a very riot of colour, interspersed with crystal lakes and roaring creeks and mighty rivers. A tourist making what might be termed the Great Triangular Trip, from Vancouver to Fort George, thence via the Grand Trunk Pacific, passing through the magnificent fertile valleys of the Nechaco and Bulkley, past the Babine Range