

reaching the Pacific coast that will be presented. The first thing on their arrival was to have what they called "a square meal," for which each person paid \$1.50. Fortune was employed by the Hudson Bay Company for some years, often sleeping on the snow. When he left them he took up nine hundred acres of land and went into the saw-mill business. He built a steamer called *Lady Dufferin*, and was her captain for nearly ten years. The saw-mills and boat were successful. The papers allowing him to be captain were taken out in 1883. Insurance agents had not reached British Columbia in those days. When the first and second fires occurred (and he has been burned out three times) his losses were \$90,000. He had a grist-mill also. In the last fire his insurance brought him \$3,000. He was also engaged in mining, but his agricultural and fruit farms have been the great sources of his prosperity. He has kindly favored the writer with specimens of what British Columbia can produce. The "Northern Spies" sent have never been excelled in this "Garden of Canada" for beauty, size and flavor. A Glasgow paper that sent correspondents around the world contained a description of his home at Tranquille, Kamloops, and what he has accomplished by irrigation. Gold and other minerals have been sent, and though half a century has passed, prosperity has never made him forget his life in St. Davids, nor on my side his faithful service. Mr. Fortune has been fortunate in having a wife who has been truly a helpmate in his married life. In his various lines of occupation she has been his faithful helper. Enterprising as himself, rising early and toiling late, with courage equal to his own, it is a pleasure to indite their mutual success, and this reminiscence of the Pacific coast would not be complete without an "honorary mention" of her life. Mrs. Fortune was born in Ireland, the family consisting of four sons and four daughters. Her brothers are all dead. They had emigrated to America and the family name was McWha. The second brother lived at Lytton, B. C. While visiting her brother she met Mr. Fortune. Her brother told her that "he had known Fortune for seven years and that he was the best behaved man in the country and clever in every way." These encomiums of his future brother-in-law are an endorsement of character through all the experience of life. His words to young men are worthy of remembrance, "Any young man with health and industrious habits, honesty, good principles and courage will come out successful." Jane McWha was born in the County of Down, Ireland. She has one sister living with her; another married a Mr. Ferguson, and lives in Australia. One of her brothers was a sea captain and died at sea. He was part owner of the vessel on which he sailed, and his wife and son were on the vessel at the time of his death. Her brother William kept a hotel