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PREFACE.

THE BRITISH COLUMBIA OFFICIAL DIRECTORY for 1894, is now submitted to subscribers, and the publishers hope it will be as acceptable as ever. No trouble or expense has been spared to make the work as complete as possible, and to those who have so freely assisted us in compiling the information herein contained, we tender our best thanks.

There is, perhaps, no directory published under greater difficulties than is ours. The district covered—the whole Province of British Columbia—is immense, and as new settlements are being formed almost every other day, many of them in sections of the country difficult of access, it is no easy matter to keep in touch with all.

We hail with pleasure the many signs of advancement apparent on all sides. The past year has seen several communities incorporated as cities and municipalities, and others will follow the good example ere 1894 closes. The various enterprises afloat for railway, road and bridge construction will, it is hoped, materialize in the near future, thus rendering communication with distant parts of the province more easy, and the work of the directory less arduous.

That British Columbia is attracting every year a greater share of attention from the well established seats of capital and labor, is evidenced by the increased foreign demand for the Directory, which now finds a place in almost every business establishment on this continent and abroad with which our merchants trade. Our advertising connection is steadily improving, as is also the circulation of the Directory, which we take as proof of the popularity and usefulness of the work.

Several changes have this year been made in the general get-up of the Directory. We have endeavored to supply reliable and complete information in as concise a form as possible, and have, at no small financial loss, refused to admit the pages of the book to be cut up by advertisements.

After the ground had been fully covered by the enumerators, we invited by advertisement in the public press, all who contemplated a change of address to apprise us of same so that the change might be duly recorded. Very many complied; those who have not cannot blame us if the old address appears in the present issue.

THE WILLIAMS' OFFICIAL DIRECTORY CO., LTD.

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