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To the Members of The American Bankers' Association.
Gentlemen:—

This special supplement of the British Columbia Financial Times is published and forwarded to you as a special invitation to visit the Province of British Columbia on the occasion of your trip to the Pacific Coast to attend your annual convention to be held at Seattle the week of September 6th to 10th, 1915.

The following articles, written and presented for your information, are intended to create a desire in you to visit this Province and see something of its huge undeveloped resources, the progress it has already attained, and its crying need for development in the fields of mining, lumbering,

The services of this journal are offered through an inquiry column, which is open to subscribers and the public generally without charge, for detailed information or opinion as to financial or industrial affairs or institutions throughout the Province of British Columbia. Wherever possible the replies to these inquiries will be made through this column. Where inquiries are not of general interest, they will be handled by letter. We think that we can assure our readers that the opinions expressed will be sane and conservative, and that all statements will be as accurate as possible.

agriculture, fishing, and industry; and also the necessity for an agricultural immigration.

Not the least of its assets are the mild all-year-around climate along the Coast and Vancouver Island, and the rugged and majestic mountain scenery among the Canadian Rockies, and other prominent ranges of mountains in this Province. A trip through British Columbia over the Southern route by way of the Canadian Pacific Railway, or over the Central route by way of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, or over the North and South route by way of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway, will add much to the enjoyment and profit of the traveller. A trip up the Coast, to Prince Rupert, and the Granby mining property at Anyox, or to Skagway, Alaska, is equally delightful.

Our principal cities, except for strategic location and charm of their environment, are not dissimilar to those south of the International Boundary Line. We also have grown too fast in urban population. We also need the man on the land to farm intelligently. The vast and varied natural resources of this Province, glimpses of which we present, need capital and labor to open them up to the markets of the world. The careful and intelligent application of both will return many fold the outlay to the individuals or companies that undertake this work. The opportunity for basic and by-product industry is capable of indefinite expansion and development.

A visit to British Columbia will make manifest the future that is in store. We invite you to come and see.

The Province of British Columbia will welcome you; the bank managers of both Victoria, our Capital City, and Vancouver, our Mainland Metropolis, will welcome you, as well as a large number of our representative business men and institutions throughout the Province.

In case there may be any misgivings about travelling in Canada and British Columbia during these troubled times, we beg to point out that conditions are as orderly and practically as free as in the most undisturbed districts in the United States.

Although Canada is fighting loyally by the side of the Mother Country, the visitor would little know, except for the picturesqueness of the soldier in our landscape, that Canada is taking part in a great war.

THE EDITOR.

N.B.—Any banker visiting British Columbia, and wishing information, will be welcome to call on the Editor at his office, or he will be pleased at any and all times to answer communications asking for information or opinion.