

INTRODUCTION

THIS booklet professes to be merely an outline sketch of a great subject but its purpose is to draw attention to the opportunities that obtain in British Columbia for utilising the great natural sources of energy, and to stimulate interest in making the vast water powers of the Province valuable to the community.

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