

feet above the sea, will bring the line to Black or West road river, whence the famed Chilcoten valley, and thence

THE BUTE INLET,

may be reached.

When we consider that the line just pointed out is *via The Pine River Summit Lake Pass* only fifty miles longer than that by the Tete Jaune Cache, or, the Pine Pass being impracticable, that the route, via the circuitous Peace river valley and the Parsnip only exceeds by 180 miles the Yellow Head Pass route, that it will pass out of the region of deep snow, and open up the best and most available country of the Nor'-West east of the Rocky Mountains, for settlement, avoiding much rough country and

THE HIDEOUS FRAZER RIVER

altogether, there can be no doubt as to *the most eligible line for the great Interoceanic highway*, to give it the conditions essential to its success as a commercial and political undertaking.

