

British Columbia

British Columbia is the largest of the Provinces of Canada, its area being 395,000 square miles, or as large as Ontario, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Manitoba combined. The coast line measures 7,000 miles. The population is about 350,000, but the fisheries alone are sufficient to support at least one million people; the mining industry, timber and general manufactories are in their infancy, with unlimited possibilities in the future, while the arable lands along the route of the Grand Trunk Pacific are capable alone of furnishing prosperous homes for 350,000 people, about as many more as the entire population of the Province at present. It seems timely, therefore, in anticipation of the opening of the National Transcontinental route of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, in 1913, to place before an expectant, land-hungry people the possibilities of Central British Columbia, through which the new line now under construction will operate.

It must be borne in mind that in dealing with a section of country as great as that to be served by the new railway in British Columbia,—a distance along the main line of 700 miles, about which no systematic attempt has hitherto been made to collect and publish reliable information,—the subject must be dealt with in a general way. While no intentional misrepresentation will be made, it is difficult, in face of results, however meager, to overestimate the possibilities of the marvelously rich and climate-favored land referred to. The statements made are based directly on the researches of a specially equipped party sent out by the Grand Trunk System over the route of the line in British Columbia for the entire summer of 1910.

In addition to this, facts have been secured and incorporated herein from Government Agents' reports and equally reliable sources, so that while every care has been taken to present only definite, accurate statements, it is believed that later investigation and results will show that all claims made herein have been conservatively set forth.

As later information is received it will be incorporated in further issues of this or other pamphlets. Any information not covered in such pamphlets will be dealt with, as far as practicable, upon request to—

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