

and replete with daring and courageous adventure.

#### PAST HISTORY.

In the days that are gone, when tribal warfare was rife, and the hand of Christianity had not reached these northern tribes, the name of Bella Bella was known and feared by all the tribes from Nanaimo on the south to Alaska on the north. Not that other tribes were serfs and weaklings, but the name of Bella Bella stood for bravery, courage, fortitude, intrepidity, and fearlessness, and woe to the tribe that dared fling its firebrand of insult to any member of this proud, arrogant, and merciless foe. To-day, recorded in the memory of those living, is the picture of one of the bloodiest scenes of warfare in the annals of Indian conflicts.

About sixty miles below Bella Bella lies an inlet of the Pacific Ocean known as River's Inlet, from the fact that here some twenty rivers pour their contents into the sea. At the extreme point of this spacious