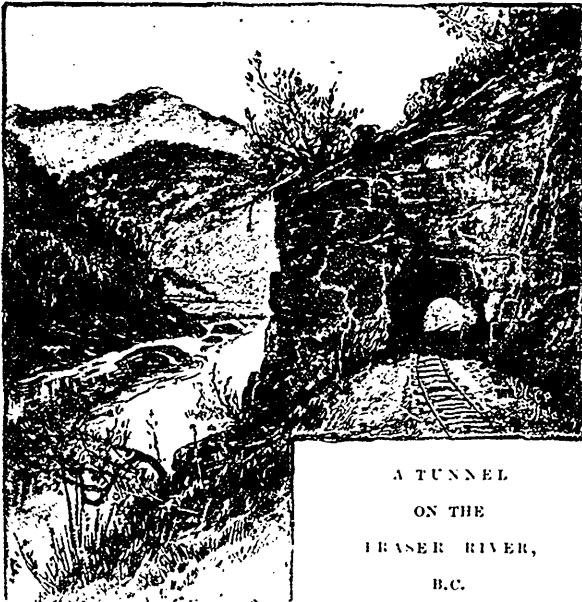


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BRITISH COLUMBIA: ITS EXTENT AND RESOURCES.

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that we might desire, nor always in pure philanthropy, but in such a way that in the end the interests of the many are best served.

It is this fact more than any other, that has given us a new heritage in the Far West, and which in the Canadian Province of the Setting Sun, has changed the wilderness of that borderland to a prosperous province. Happily British Columbia is not the "dernier resort" of multitudes who

As a brief introduction to this article, it may be remarked that this is the age of speculative investment. Notwithstanding the occasional strife between capitalist and labourer, these are the days in which accumulated wealth bursts its reservoirs, flows down from higher altitudes, moves the sluggish wheels of commerce, or cuts new channels through almost impossible regions and irrigates the desert land. It is the very genius of capital to spend itself. Perhaps not always in the manner

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Failing in earth's other gardens
Are a failure anywhere."

Though a few of these are here, the average population has grown steadily by the accession of practical men from all the professions, who went west in order, as the westerners say, "To get in on the ground floor." Most of those who go remain. At first, the wild aspect of the country, the absence of comforts and conveniences abounding in the older provinces,