

“The Royal City Of the West.”

Fore- word

Writing recently of books and authors, a well-known American paper said, “The American or Frenchman will brag uneasily, being doubtful of himself. John Bull does not brag; he never had a doubt of himself”

Do not expect, then, to find in this plain statement of facts about New Westminster any of the uneasy bragging and “tall talk” which many people, not without warrant, associate with the West. New Westminster never had a doubt of itself. The natural centre and distributing point of the richest agricultural country in the Province, it has grown by honest, persistent use of its natural advantages, without any booming by adventitious aids. Its growth is an effect of the development of the surrounding districts, and since, therefore, the roots of its progress strike deep and far among the settled, permanent industries of the country, it must continue to grow.

Where The City Stands

Forty odd years ago the site was chosen by the military authorities of the (then) Crown colony as the place where the Capital of British Columbia should be built. Just above the point where the Fraser divides into the channels (South Arm and North Arm) through which it rolls past its rich delta