

the climate is like that of England, and where, even in winter, gales seldom ruffle the land-locked sounds; where vegetation flourishes with peculiar luxuriance; where an extraordinary native population interests the student of human nature, and offers to the collector a wide choice among curious implements and fabrics; and where scenery, majestic and beautiful in the highest degree, is presented at every league of advance.

Hitherto "this wonderland and dreamland by day, this fairy-land by night," as one enthusiast declares it, has been inaccessible, save by accompanying an occasional trading-boat; but now the enterprising managers of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company have begun a regular service of comfortable steamships, which opens these new waters to every tourist who has a few weeks to spare for the voyage. These steamers are reached at Victoria, the capital of British Columbia, by the Canadian Pacific Railway to Vancouver, its western terminus, and thence by ferry to Victoria. The Alaskan steamers are the *Olympian*, *Idaho* and *Ancon*—all fine boats; and they leave Victoria according to the schedule printed in the appendix to this pamphlet.

The purpose of this little book is to describe the pleasures and advantages of a trip to this new and glorious corner of the world, and how to enjoy them.

