

paid their expenses from China and San Francisco, and for whose benefit they labour, and who tax them both for the payment of these expenses and for a profit on the venture, to abandon such poor diggings for richer. And as to white miners, not one of them will work for the small earnings I have mentioned. If a miner cannot fall upon a rich "claim," he will hire himself to other more fortunate claim owners, who will pay him from \$5 to \$10 a day, according to location and circumstances. In this way it comes that no poor diggings are worked. The surface of the mineral region is being "skimmed"—not efficiently worked. In the foregoing sketch I have confined my observations to such portions of the country as have been *proved* to be auriferous. To give a perfect description of the gold field is out of the question. In fact, much of it is still undiscovered, and must continue unexplored in a country of such dimensions as British Columbia, extending over five degrees of latitude, and embracing a great portion of ten degrees of longitude, and which contains some 200,000 square miles of surface. Such an extent of country, and having such resources of gold, silver, and other metals, and a large quantity of agricultural and pastoral land, is *an empire*, and will require a large population *even to explore* it thoroughly. Suffice it to say, that as gold has been discovered at many points all over this vast surface, and in quantities hitherto unequalled, the gold field of British Columbia is practically, illimitable, and its wealth inexhaustible.

My advice to emigrants from the old country will be short, and, while it can easily be remembered, cannot be misunderstood. British Columbia wants two classes only—men with money and men with bodily strength—*capitalists* and *labourers*. Both classes will do well. The one will find lucrative employment for its capital, the other still more profitable employment for its labour. If either fails it will be its own fault. Should either of these two classes be married, let them bring their wives and families; the more numerous the progeny the better,