

British Columbia.

The enterprising press of British Columbia has one feature in common, and that is praise of the province. It cannot be said of the B. C. press (as is sometimes remarked of a portion of the Canadian press), that it does not appreciate the advantages of its own country. The following from the Westminster *Columbian* will bear witness:—

British Columbia is a country of many resources—as numerous and varied as are the physical features of its geography. A country of "magnificent distances," its natural wealth is best described by the same adjective. In the very number and variety of its resources, as in the extent and possibilities of each, it occupies a most favorable, not to say unique, position among the garland of provinces which make up this fair Dominion. The tiller of the soil has learned from experience that the single crop plan in farming is not unattended with danger, as a bad year or some untoward circumstance may cause the labor of a year to be lost, whereas a varied system of crops, the failure of one would be counterbalanced by the success of the others. Similarly, a country that depends almost solely on agriculture, for instance, has not equal advantages with another that adds to this industry, manufacturing and mining. British Columbia, though, besides farming, manufacturing and mining, can boast of unexampled resources in lumbering, river fisheries, and fur-bearing animals. Under the heads of agriculture and mining we have the same principal of diversity exemplified. Besides hay and grain—the principal crops of strictly agricultural countries—the soil, climate, and other circumstances are admirably adapted for all sorts of stock raising, and the various root crops and other vegetables, together with every variety of large and small fruits common to the temperate zone, are grown here to perfection. Sheep raising and fruit growing, we might say in passing, admit of an almost indefinite development. The latter is yet in its infancy, and on the lower Fraser sheep raising has been practically overlooked. Our up-country wool has already earned the name of being cheaper and better than the eastern article, and our mutton cannot be excelled. With the present woolen mill, and others which are sure to arise throughout the country, furnishing a home market for the wool, and a ready market at all times for mutton, sheep raising ought to pay, and we have no doubt that this fact will soon be appreciated by farmers in this district. Of the extent and variety of our mineral wealth, embracing all the precious metals and most of the useful ones, it will not be necessary to enlarge here. Our immense timber resources have been partially developed, and several industries have already grown from these. When anything like a full development shall have been attained, besides rough and dressed lumber, spars, piles, sash and doors, and furniture, the latter principally for home use, all these will be more extensively produced for the home market, a vast export trade built up, and ship building and other industries growing out of our unlimited forest wealth, established. The river fisheries, with proper protection, will continue to yield their finny wealth, the sea fisheries have not yet been opened up, but promise a rich harvest in the future, and with the constantly increasing railway facilities, and other nineteenth-century civilizers and developers, the progress which this province must make in the next few years will astonish the most sanguine. If any province has a more hopeful outlook than British Columbia, we should like to hear of it, and of all the cities and districts in this favored land—Westminster first,



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D16 45	94	... Snel Lake ...	11 05A
17 50	115	... Birtle ...	9 45
18 30	133	... Binscarth ...	9 20
19 30	155	... Russell ...	18 20
21 40		... Langenburg ...	6 20
23 00	166		5 00
23 15	180		4 45
ARRIVE			LEAVE

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