

GOVERNMENT.

British Columbia enjoys the free, popular Government which the provinces of Canada possess. The Canadian Government regulates all matters connected with trade and navigation, the customs and excise, the administration of justice, militia and defence, and the postal service; but the Provincial Government of British Columbia has control of all local matters. The province is at present represented in the Canadian parliament by three senators and six members of the House of Commons. Its own legislature consists of a Lieutenant-Governor, appointed by the Governor-General of Canada, an Executive Council of four members and a Legislative Assembly of twenty-five members, elected by the people for a term of four years. In practice the Executive Council holds office at the will of the Assembly. There are thirteen districts for electoral purposes. A short period of residence, with registration, qualifies voters.

BRITISH COLUMBIA AS A SUMMER RESORT.

So much has been written and printed concerning the beautiful scenery of British Columbia, the many delightful places of summer resort within its limits, and its serene, zestful climate, that it is unnecessary to give any further detailed description in this hand-book. It is sufficient to say that thousands of pleasure seekers have already been attracted thither, and that improved facilities of access and accommodation will soon make the province one of the most famous summer resorts on the continent. The mildness of the coast climate in winter, also, will be attractive to many. New ground—a new world almost—will be opened for travel by the Canadian Pacific Railway. The invalid, the tourist, the artist, the sportsman, and Alpine climber will find all that they desire in a country which, in the words of His Excellency the Marquis of Lorne, “possesses scenes of such perfect beauty on its forest-laden coast, in its tranquil gulfs, and amid its glorious mountains. I would strongly advise you to cultivate the attractions held out to the travelling public by the magnificence of your scenery. Let this country become what Switzerland is to Europe.”