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IN compiling the RED BOOK, the publishers have kept before them the request of their numerous patrons for a complete list of person, firms and companies engaged in trade; the kind, location of business, name of partners, and an estimate or "rating" of responsibility from a creditor's standpoint. Over 6000 names are listed, being from two to three thousand more than are enumerated by any other publishers. To this has been added gazetteer information locating the various points and places with distances, railway stations, post offices, etc. Some 550 places are thus enumerated and described of which over 200 have never before been gazetted in any directory publication.

Owing to the lack of accurate compilations in the past, it has been found necessary for the most part to personally investigate the different localities; and although in such a new and rapidly developing country it is impossible to insure absolute accuracy in every detail, the publishers claim the Red Book covers the ground well. The major portion of the matter is published for the first time in this form, and the matter gathered from other works having been so altered by corrections as to be unrecognizable, it is justly claimed that the work is entirely original, as is the general style and principle of the Book.

An enlargement and other improvements are already contemplated for the next edition.

The main features of the Red Book are: A complete guide to each city, town, village, settlement, mining camp, railway station, express, telegraph and post office, P. O. savings bank, money order office, etc., distance from some well-known point or distributing center.

It is, in short, a complete Railway and Transportation Guide to the province of B. C.

A complete list of Trade and Professional concerns and enterprises engaged in business at the different points, with kind of business, names of partners in a firm, full christian names, etc.

Names of Recorders, Government Agents, Registrars, Barristers, Justices of the Peace, Notaries, etc. Street address given in cities.

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