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SOME INTERESTING COMMENTS ON THE PROSPECTS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

When the Hon. Wm. Pugsley reached his home in New Brunswick, from a trip to British Columbia, he, among other things, said:—

“While in British Columbia I saw some gentlemen from South Africa who have had large experience in the gold fields there. They expressed the opinion that British Columbia presents a far better field for profitable investment than the famous Rand region in South Africa. In British Columbia an area of country 400 miles by some 700 or 800 miles is well mineralized, and such valuable discoveries have been made at such widely separated points as to lead to the belief that practically the whole province will in the near future become a vast field for the production of gold, silver and other valuable minerals.

“There is a vast tract of rich and comparatively undeveloped country which will be made easily accessible by the proposed railroad through the Crow's Nest Pass. This line is very much talked of in the west, and its early construction would undoubtedly prove a great advantage not only to British Columbia, but to that portion of the Northwest Territories lying adjacent to the Rocky Mountains on the east, whose farmers will thereby be afforded facilities to market produce, and also to eastern Canada, which is interested in securing the trade of a district which will, before a very long time, have a large consuming population.”

Regarding the Lake of the Woods district, we cannot do better than give a general description of the country by Mr. G. H. Campbell, as published in the *Rossland, B. C., Miner* a short time ago, and it may be remarked that it speaks well for the British Columbia papers that they are willing to publish so fully information regarding other countries than their own. The following is Mr. Campbell's interview:—

“George H. Campbell, of Winnipeg, who has been in this vicinity for several weeks looking after his mining interests