

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

A FEW NOTES ON THE PROVINCE

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Dates of some Notable Facts in the history of the North Western part of North America.

1774. Capt. Perez landed on Queen Charlotte Island, and, some think, discovered Nootka Sound.
1775. Capt. Bruno Heeceta, accompanied by Capt. Quadra, discovered the Columbia river estuary.
1778. Capt. Cook noticed Cape Flattery without discovering the Straits, entered Nootka Sound, and explored the coast, chiefly from 44° northward.
1787. Capt. Berkeley (not Barclay) under the Austrian flag, re-discovered the Straits that had been found, in 1592, by Juan de Fuca, a Greek in the service of Spain. Captain Berkeley's name is perpetuated in that of Barclay Sound.
1792. Capt. Robert Gray re-discovered and entered the Columbia river, and named it after his ship, the "Columbia," of Boston. The Spanish had named the river the "St. Roe."
- 1792-94. The surveys of Captain George Vancouver, of the Royal Navy, established the fact that Vancouver is an Island.
1793. Alexander Mackenzie, of the North West Company, (afterwards Sir Alexander), discovered the Upper Fraser, and, the first of any white men, on that line of latitude, reached the Pacific from the Rocky Mountains.
1795. Commandant Quadra, of the Spanish navy, withdrew the Spanish establishment at Nootka Sound.

The publisher takes leave to announce that he contemplates arranging for the preparation and publication of a popular illustrated History of the Province, and will be greatly obliged to any one who may send to him suggestions, notes, memoranda, memoirs, or authentic information on any subject, or as to any locality, in British Columbia.