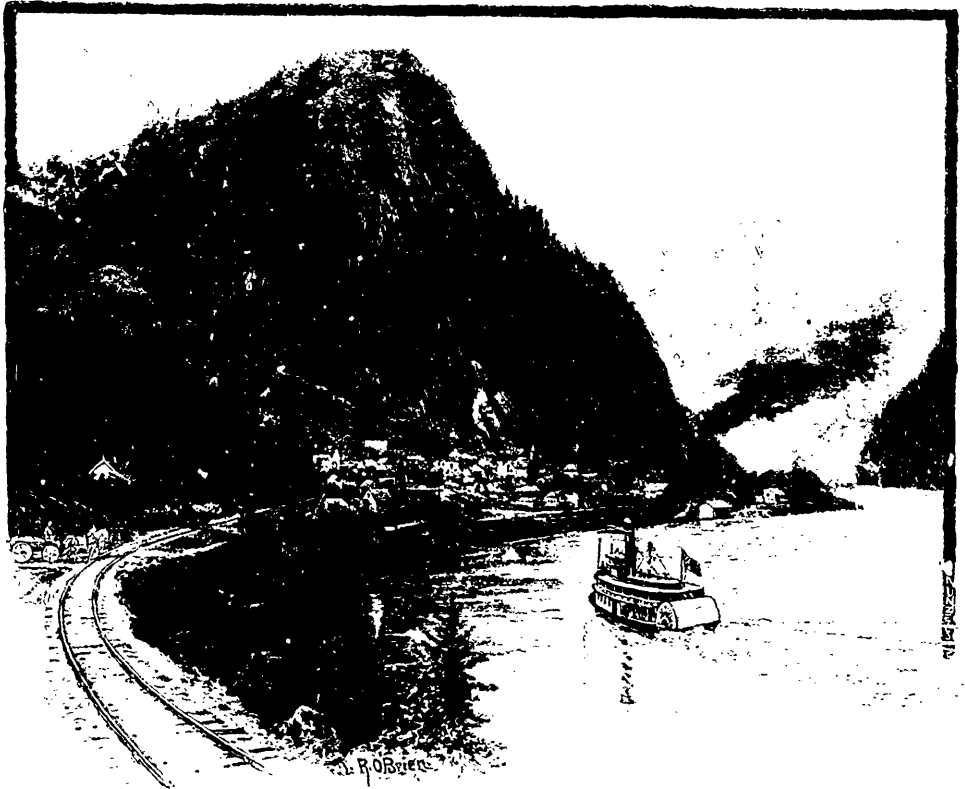


torics, and peninsulas for thousands of miles, unruffled by the slightest swell from the adjoining ocean, and presenting at every turn an ever shifting combination of rock, verdure, forest, glacier, and snow-capped mountain of unrivalled grandeur and beauty."



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From the description just given of the country between the summit of the Rocky Mountains and the long rollers of the Pacific, it is evident that British Columbia is the complement of the northwest. The one is a sea of mountains; the other a sea of waving grass in summer, an unbroken expanse of snow in winter. But just as the fertile and illimitable plains and prairies of the northwest are diversified by ranges of sandhills and abrupt steppes or ancient beaches, by alkali flats and deeply eroded valleys, so the successive ranges of mighty mountains beyond are seamed and separated by great rivers or arms of the sea whose sands are golden and whose channels are choked with fish, while stretches of pastoral land offer the best food in the world for horses, cattle, and sheep, and every here and there pleasant nooks by lakes and river bottoms may be made to bring forth for a large population and to blossom as the garden of the Lord. The Province is in its infancy, and, like every other country in