

How is it that with this glorious country, easy of access, possessing such charms of scenery and climate, so few of the rich people of the motherland have seen it? It is a part of their own empire; it wants population and capital. Travellers assist in bringing these, and from patriotic and sentimental motives, if from no other, the British people should try to visit and acquire a knowledge of their own possessions.

I have alluded to the great water-power that exists in the Province, and which will one day be harnessed to do a large part of the heavy work. At Bonnington Falls, on the Kootenay River, a British company has erected works for the production of electric power, and is supplying it for mining, lighting and railways to the surrounding district. The falls at this point are capable of producing 267,000 horse-power; but this is only one of the many great rivers and streams that exist all over this country, provided right on the spot to do the development work of the future.

I am unable, in the time allotted to me, to speak more fully of the advantages the Province possesses for the capitalist, the mining man, the farmer, and the workman and mechanic. I may add to what I have already said, that the laws of the country are good and well administered, that there are fine hospitals and benevolent institutions, and that there is free education for all; and though I had an experience of some eighteen years in the Provincial Parliament, I never knew a serious difficulty with the Education Bill—excepting the fact that it called for very large expenditure.

I am certain that British Columbia is going to give a good account of itself. A Province with an export trade of over \$21,000,000 annually, though its population is less than 200,000, must, as capital and population come in, be no mean factor in the progress of the British Empire, and is not a country that the business men of the world can afford to overlook or neglect.

In order to impress on you more vividly the account that I have been giving of this beautiful portion of our possessions, some photographs of scenery, mines, agricultural lands, water-power, towns and homes of the Province will now be shown on the screen.

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