

BRITISH COLUMBIA

British Columbia's Mineral Wealth

NO known country to-day is richer in mineral wealth than British Columbia, from whose various mines have been extracted during the past thirty-eight years an immense output, aggregating in value over \$100,000,000. Almost every kind of valuable mineral has been found, some under unusually favorable conditions of quality and quantity, although systematic exploration has extended over only a comparatively small section of the Province when its vast area is considered. Gold, silver, copper, lead, cinnabar, platinum, coal and iron have already given rich returns for the money and labor spent on their extraction, and there are satisfying indications that some of the more precious ores exist in even richer and larger deposits in regions still awaiting thorough exploration than they do in the great wealth producing propositions now being developed.

A VAST MINERAL REGION

The mineral region of British Columbia covers a huge tract, forming a great belt which leaves the United States boundary about 150 miles east of the Pacific Coast and runs north-westerly beyond unknown Cassiar, 500 miles away, to the wonderfully rich Yukon Valley in Canadian and Alaskan territory. This immense area is best described as resembling an animal whose tail and head are in Montana and Alaska but whose body lies in British Columbia. Exploration has demonstrated that there is no very extensive section of the Province from the Rockies to the Coast and from the international boundary line to its most northerly limits that is not more or less mineralized, leading to the oft-expressed belief that almost the entire country is underlaid with precious metals. The name of British Columbia has in fact become the synonym of mineral richness, and its **TREASURE CHESTS ARE NOW OPEN TO THE WORLD.** The recognized and greatest authority on mineralogy in Canada, Dr. G. M. Dawson, F.R.G.S., who for fifteen years was engaged in exploring British Columbia, says: "The explorations of the Geological Survey of Canada have already resulted in placing on record the occurrence of rich ores of gold and silver in various places

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