

Wash., the General Manager. As assistant to the president Mr. Flumerfelt rendered invaluable service in placing the great enterprise on a paying basis. His duties resulted in him making his home in Grand Forks, where he took a leading part in all affairs tending for the welfare of the community. During his stay in the Boundary Mr. Flumerfelt had the good fortune to be associated with able men in all departments, notably Mr. A. B. W. Hodges, M.E., the superintendent, Mr. H. N. Galer, assistant general manager, and Mr. Geo. W. Wooster, treasurer. Subsequently Mr. Flumerfelt and Mr. Miner withdrew from the active management after having disposed of a large portion of their holdings to New York and Boston capitalists.

Before that date he had organized the International Coal & Coke Co., whose colliery at Coleman, Alta., now maintains an output of about 2,000 tons of coal daily and which is now a dividend payer. More recently Mr. Flumerfelt launched two other large enterprises which promise to be no less successful, The Alberta Coal & Coke Co., of Lundbreck, Alta., and the Royal Collieries of Lethbridge, Alta. Mr. Flumerfelt is president of all three companies which have an aggregate capitalization of \$8,500,000 and which give employment to over 1,500 men. Mr. Flumerfelt is also the owner of large coal areas on Vancouver Island which will be developed shortly on an extensive scale. He is likewise president of the Hastings Shingle Manufacturing Co., the largest plant of its kind in the world, the British American Trust Co., Ltd., and the British Canadian Fire Insurance Co. As a director of the Eastern Townships Bank he was instrumental in inducing that institution to establish branches in Vancouver and other places in the province.

Although essentially self made, Mr. Flumerfelt has found time in the midst of onerous business duties to pursue the study of culture. With a catholicity of taste, more likely to be found in a college professor than in the man of affairs, he is a student and omniverous reader. His tastes lean to literature of the idealistic school. Art finds in him one of its

strongest devotees. It is with difficulty that Mr. Flumerfelt can be induced to speak of himself. He is always more interested in learning about the welfare of his fellows. His unostentatious charities and benefactions are only known to a small circle of intimate friends.

Mr. Flumerfelt, like all other individuals, has his hobbies; with him they are an absorbing passion. He chiefly has at heart the cause of higher education in British Columbia, and the exploitation of the vast natural resources of his adopted province. It will be recalled that he offered two-year free scholarships at McGill University College in order to assist deserving students seeking to advance themselves. During their existence he took an active part in the incorporation of the Royal Institute for Learning designed to prepare British Columbia pupils at home for advanced work and which is now affiliated with McGill University. Mr. Flumerfelt is its treasurer. This institution is regarded as the forerunner of a Provincial University whose early establishment is foreshadowed in a measure now before the Provincial Legislature. The understanding is that the McGill extension work now carried on will later be merged with the proposed University. A site of twenty-one acres at Point Grey, near Vancouver, has already been secured on a long-term lease. Mr. Flumerfelt has not overlooked the question of endowment. From an eastern friend of McGill the offer of \$50,000 has been secured on condition that an equal amount for the same purpose is raised in British Columbia. That the endowment will soon be made effective is regarded as a certainty. Mr. Flumerfelt assisted in inducing Lieut.-Governor Dunsmuir to endow in the sum of \$50,000 a chair of mining in the proposed seat of learning.

Mr. Flumerfelt rendered signal public service last year by offering a prize for the best essay respecting the resources and possibilities of British Columbia. Thirty-eight contributions, many of them indicating deep thought and intelligent research, were received. Hon. C. H. Mackintosh, ex-governor of the Northwest Territories, a veteran