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BRITISH COLUMBIA.

ITS RESOURCES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR INVESTORS AND SETTLERS.

This, the most westerly province of the Canadian Confederation, is bounded on the west by the Pacific Ocean, on the south by the 49th parallel of N. latitude, on the north by the 60th parallel, and on the east, for its southern portion, by the summit of the Rocky Mountains, and the rest the 120th meridian. This gives it an average width of about 400 miles, a total area of 380,000 square miles, and constitutes it, by nearly 50,000 square miles, the largest province in the Canadian Confederation. Settled as thickly as the older portions of the older provinces are, it would locate from 5,000,000 to 6,000,000 of people, the present population of the whole Dominion. This conclusion can be easily reached by observing that with its natural resources developed, the country would be very nearly self-sustaining, producing as it does produce, nearly everything that can be grown and cultivated in any temperate climate, with the industries native to keep such a population profitably employed. Although its present population does not exceed perhaps 200,000, or the one twenty-fifth part of what it is capable of comfortably locating and profitably employing, that few have brought the province to a very high degree of advancement. It has several lines of railway reaching all points of advanced settlement and others projected to meet all the requirements of the immediate future, with lines of first-class steamers plying on all its navigable inland waters, with good wagon roads and trails connecting with even most remote settlements.

The government of the province is fully representative and always what the people make it through their representatives, selected by manhood suffrage.

The school system is the freest and the most complete in the known world. It is non-sectarian, supported for the most part by the state. Schools are established in every settlement where there are upwards of ten children of school age (from 6 to 16) and taught by duly certificated teachers. There are a dozen incorporated cities in the