

variety of climate which it embraces, from the moist humid air of the coast to the dry cold or warmth of the interior, with its pure atmosphere; in fact, it might almost be safe to state that in every valley of any size the climate varies somewhat in this respect. Some persons who have only had an acquaintance with a part of this immense country might possibly describe the climate in the district in which they had lived as moist, while others would be equally within the truth by stating that it was dry and cold, and though both statements would appear contradictory, they would be correct so far as their experience had led them to believe.

Strangers arriving by the Canadian Pacific Railway will have a very poor and mistaken idea of the country, as the railway travels through the most rocky and mountainous portion of British Columbia, which, though exceedingly picturesque to the artistic eye, is somewhat disappointing to that of the immigrant who has decided to make it his home. It might be asked why was this route then selected, but this question can easily be answered when we consider that this is the most direct route to the coast, and was chosen on account of the saving of distance. The great advantage this country possesses over many others is that, owing to its varied resources, it could, if needful, be almost independent of the outside world, providing it had the necessary capital to work the same. A person can have no idea of the natural wealth of British Columbia unless one has become intimately acquainted with its natural resources by long residence and extensive travel. Many express an opinion which is given out as authentic, but on examination it very often proves superficial, and is liable to give the public a wrong and mistaken idea for want of proper investigation.