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TO

BRITISH COLUMBIA COAST NAMES

The writing of this history of British Columbia Coast Names has been not only a labour of love to its author but has grown in extent far beyond his first intention. Originally some isolated notes respecting names of interest were published in the British Columbia newspapers or submitted for the information of the Geographic Board. Several papers, read at Victoria in 1899, before the Natural History Society of British Columbia, treated of the same theme. Captain Walbran was later requested to extend this useful and interesting work, encouraged by a promise, on the part of the Honourable the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, that the book would be printed as supplementary to the publications of the Geographic Board of Canada, issued by his department, and it is as an officer of the Marine Department, as well as a member of the Geographic Board, that the undersigned, who has sailed and worked with Captain Walbran, has undertaken to see the work through the press.

Captain Walbran was well equipped for the work he had undertaken. By disposition a student, he became greatly engrossed in his researches, and secured copies of all the old records of voyages to the coast of British Columbia and knew their contents intimately. His duties in command of the *Quadra* took him to every portion of the British Columbia coast, including a great many waters that were practically unsurveyed, and so he acquired a thorough knowledge, not only of the charts in existence, but also of the unwritten lore of Indians and traders experienced in the intricacies of that most magnificent coast. Consequently, what he writes of he has personally seen and known.

No casual reader can realize the mass of correspondence undertaken with old residents of British Columbia, now scattered over the seven seas, with a view to securing accuracy in fact, in names and in dates; and it is but just that testimony to the immense and long continued labour involved in securing the information embodied in this book should be borne by one who saw the work in progress.

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