

tremendous task. The solution lies in the development of her immense natural resources and in the absorbing of the returned soldiers in connection therewith. There arises the question of location. Where are the resources that lie dormant to be found? Where are homes available for the thousands of disbanded soldiers?

The answer to a large extent lies in Central British Columbia. Here we have an immense territory of which the potential wealth in natural resources is beyond estimate and where conditions for home-making are of the best. The areas of arable agricultural lands are in the neighborhood of ten million acres with additional lands suitable for grazing purposes. The belt is highly mineralized and no one can foretell what extent of treasure lies buried beneath its hills. The coast and inland waters are rich in fisheries, the extent and value of which are beginning to be more fully realized. The forests are also most extensive and the lumbering and pulp industries are already well under way. Water-powers are numerous and great. The climate is agreeable. In fact conditions are exceedingly inviting for intensive settlement and development along agricultural and industrial lines.

The handicap of lack of transportation that has held back this district is now fast disappearing. One great transcontinental railway, the Grand Trunk Pacific, traverses the belt midway from east to west; another, the Canadian National, runs through its southeastern corner, while the Pacific Great Eastern is building to cross-cut the belt from south to north. Towns are springing up along these lines. Mines are being opened up, saw and pulp mills erected, water powers harnessed, fishing fleets added to and an era of development is fast getting under way.

Here then, on the dawn of re-establishment and at the opening of a new day in the advance of Canada's progress, lies a new field, vast and fruitful, tested and proven, rich and bountiful in nature's gifts, offering wealth and homes to thousands of willing workers who seek a fair chance to attain success in the avenues of peace.

It is not only an inviting country from a business standpoint offering prospects of liberal and speedy financial gains, but it is a pleasant country in which to make one's home. Men do not come alone to Central British Columbia intending to wrest a fortune in a few frenzied years from its bosom, then to go to a more congenial spot on the earth's surface and enjoy with their families the fruits of their hardships. They come with their families to make attractive homes, to settle down and enjoy the beauties and advantages of the country as they progress in their various undertakings and to lay the foundations for the happiness and prosperity of succeeding generations.

The Government of the province is anxious to see the district settled and its resources developed by a good class of people. Every possible encouragement is being offered with this end in view. The natural attractions and advantages of the district together with the lively interest manifested by the Government in its development assures the new-comer of a start under the most promising conditions possible.