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THE interest which at the present moment attaches to everything connected with British Columbia and Vancouver's Island, has induced me to believe that a narrative of personal adventure and experience in these still comparatively unknown but highly important colonies might prove not only acceptable to the general reader, but of practical utility to the intending emigrant.

Having spent two years on the Pacific coast of the North American continent, and having, in addition to numerous land excursions, passed a considerable time cruising in a yacht round the Island of Vancouver, I have enjoyed unusual opportunities of becoming acquainted not only with the general physical character and geographical features of the country, but also with the habits and customs