

CONCLUSION.

Before concluding, allow me to call your attention to the Pass Creek that flows into the Columbia River just north of the mouth of the Kootenay River. From what I had an opportunity to observe, and from what information I could procure from the Indians, I think your railway can be brought from Kootenay River through a natural pass, and down the Pass Creek Valley at a great saving of cost without increasing the length of the railway line, and reach the Columbia River above the rapids spoken of in Mr. Linton's report to your chief engineer, H. M. McCartney, Esq.

And now, in concluding, I would say that I look upon your enterprise as a most extraordinary one. The necessary expenditure required to comply with the terms of the Act and acquire a crown grant from the British Columbia Government is so small, and the value of over seven hundred thousand acres of the land you will obtain is so great, that—aside from the good-paying transportation business you will undoubtedly receive—the profits that must necessarily accrue from the sales or other disposition of the lands of this grant will be fabulous: and I congratulate you and your associates upon this most flattering outlook for your property.

Yours respectfully,

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