

FROM BRITAIN'S PARLIAMENT TO VANCOUVER'S COURTHOUSE.

Mr. Walter Moberly was one of these and it was when his still firmly knit but spare and slightly bowed figure, with its venerable head and face, suggesting the pale, intellectual type of man rather than the man of action and the wilds, appeared in the witness box that the analogy I have suggested flashed through my mind. His likeness to the late Lord Strathcona, as an old man, is worthy a passing reference. And, as Mr. Moberly proceeded to tell of that day, more than half a century ago, when Commander Richards in H. M. S. Plumper (that warship the by-no-means impressive name of which has been rendered permanent in the designation of Plumper's Pass between Vancouver and Victoria) found him with Lieutenant Burnaby and his men digging for coal near the site of what is now Coal Harbor, the period of which he spoke seemed as remote to us present day Vancouverites as that period of storm and stress, of bloodshed and diplomacy, and juggling with native kings and princesses and their kingdoms, which marked the administration in India of Warren Hastings, must have seemed to those men of another generation who stood to receive him when he appeared for the last time in Parliament. Warren Hastings was full of years and honors and living at his country seat. Mr. Moberly, who has been the recipient of a few minor honors, is full of years, but a comparatively poor man, yet he, as the most notable of our pioneer path-finders, has, with other pioneer path-finders, rendered to British Columbia services which, in proportion, are as valuable to the Province as those of his greater compatriot were to India and, through India, to the Empire.

MR. MOBERLY HONORED.

It was inevitable that Mr. Walter Moberly should find a place in this series of stories. His name has been given to several places in British Columbia, including a depot on the C. P. R. and a school in South Vancouver, and his explorations are among the earliest and most valuable made in the province. A photograph of him, framed and enlarged, has recently been hung in the Walter Moberly School, the Conservative Club and the Vancouver Museum. Opinions do not differ as to the part he has played in the development of the province, and the fact that he has had the honor of addressing, among other public bodies, the Vancouver Canadian Club and the Art and Historical Society upon his explorations, is a tribute to the estimation in which his services are held by his fellow citizens of Vancouver, a city the site of which he advocated from the outset as the terminus of the Canadian Pacific Railway, a railway with the inception and construction of which his name and the names of Cambie, Dewdney and others whose lives have been dealt with in the course of these stories, will always be inseparably associated.

NOTABLE TRIO.

Incidentally I may mention that, of the large family of Moberly brothers, there are still two living, besides Mr. Walter Moberly, both at very advanced ages but a little younger than their Vancouver brother, one, Mr. Harry Moberly, who retired from the service of the Hudson's Bay Company after a strenuous life in the wilds, during a brief portion of which time he traded in opposition to that famous company, and after whom Moberly Lake, near Fort St. John, is named, now living in retire-