

will prove of interest to "friends overseas."

I fear it may be considered presumption on my part to attempt to write about this important City upon such a short acquaintance as I can at present claim, but I am a believer in "First impressions" and think that it is better to take advantage of the enthusiasm and energy of a new-comer rather than await the familiarity which might make one deem as unworthy of comment what are really most interesting places and subjects.

I venture to think that the attractions of their Capital City may be as imperfectly realised by many residents in this Province as they were by me before I made its acquaintance, despite the eulogistic pamphlets and advertisements I had read, and I can truly say that Victoria's charms have considerably exceeded my anticipations, and that the researches I have had to make in compiling these Notes have afforded me the greatest interest and pleasure.

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