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TALK is cheap, only results count," was the epigrammatic way a Yankee philosopher expressed himself in commenting on the achievements of a fellow countryman. His wise observation has a universal application. Measured by this standard the career of Mr. A. C. Flumerfelt, of Victoria, B.C., not yet attained to its fruition, has thus far been an eminently successful one. The name of Mr. Flumerfelt will be inseparably connected with the financial, industrial and educational progress of British Columbia during the past ten years, a period noteworthy for remarkable expansion and development. If ever a Western man was entitled to it Mr. Flumerfelt is deserving of the appellation "captain of industry." Space limitations will permit giving only in outline the salient points of a life whose manifold activities are at once an object lesson for other men and an inspiration to the rising generation.

The subject of this sketch was born in Western Ontario, being descended from German United Empire loyalists, who for principle quitted their homes and "treked" through trackless wilds to Canada at the outbreak of the American Revolution. Herein one sees the work-

ing of the laws of heredity. Two generations later the sturdy steadfastness of these pioneers reappears transformed as strong moral courage and indomitable pertinacity in the descendant. Possessing such characteristic traits his success in commercial affairs which he engaged in at the age of fourteen, was assured from the outset. But success was not achieved without hard work and without surmounting many obstacles, all of which proved the most valuable kind of experience in aiding him to accomplish greater tasks in middle life. The year 1879 saw Mr. Flumerfelt open the first wholesale boot and shoe house—now known as the Ames-Holden Co., Ltd.—in Winnipeg, then a town with less than 7,000 population. He established the same business in British Columbia, since which period he has continuously resided in British Columbia.

Mr. Flumerfelt as a shareholder and executive officer for several years was prominently connected with the Granby Consolidated Mining and Smelting Co. of Grand Forks, B.C. The company has already paid over \$1,400,000 in dividends. He was associated with its president, Mr. S. H. C. Miner, of Granby, Que., (the Grand Old Man of the Province of Quebec), and Mr. Jay P. Graves, of Spokane,