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PREFACE.

This, the first issue of our series of Cities Directory is entirely a home production, and the work connected herewith has given employment to a number of persons, and retained within the Province some thousands of dollars.

The increasing prosperity of Victoria and Nanaimo is most encouraging, indicative of the general prosperity of the whole Province. The work contained in the following pages is presented to the public with the full confidence that, as a purely local work it will be appreciated and receive the liberal support that a Provincial industry of its nature should receive. To most carefully insure an accurate Directory, in addition to our own checking of the names and information, Mr. W. K. Bull and Mr. J. A. Halliday have examined the work critically, as shown by the following :

VICTORIA, January, 1890.

This is to certify that I have examined the Williams' Cities Directory, 1890, and find it as near correct as possible.

W. K. BULL,
Accountant and Tax Collector,
Victoria City.

VICTORIA, January, 1890.

This is to certify that I have carefully examined this Directory and find it very complete, and as far as possible free from errors.

J. A. HALLIDAY,
Principal Boys Public School.

BROAD AND GOVERNMENT STREETS,
Victoria, B. C., January 1890.

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