

British Columbia.

British Columbia is yet to a great extent a "diamond in the rough," but it is a very rich gem for all that, and will repay many fold capital and labor expended in developing its numerous and varied resources. Capital, more than labor is perhaps, required at present, and there is every indication that it will be forthcoming, for a more promising field for investment, with a guarantee for swift and sure returns, does not exist. More especially is capital being directed just at present to our magnificent lumbering resources, which, with the dissipation of the erroneous ideas that large sea going vessels could not safely navigate the sand-heads, are receiving an impetus to their development by means of new capital and enterprise that promises to raise this industry in the near future to one of the most important in the Dominion, both as regards labor employed and the extent and reproductiveness of its operations. Our mines too, are attracting more attention than ever, and are only just beginning to be opened up. British Columbia has always been noted for its richness in the precious metals, but these owing to the lack of facilities and difficulty of access, have not been worked heretofore to advantage. Quartz milling is yet in its inception, but which is now rendered practicable by the opening up of the country by the C. P. R. and other progressing and projected railways, promises very soon to develop bonanzas of untold wealth in many sections of the province. Besides the precious metals, coal and iron are constantly being discovered in new localities, and in ad-

dition to those already existing and projected, coal mines and smelting works will soon be operated at different points. It is hardly necessary to dwell upon the well-known wealth of our river fisheries, nor to mention the almost undeveloped resources of our rich and extensive sea fisheries. It is in the matter of agricultural capabilities, perhaps, that British Columbia is most frequently labelled by the uninformed and the unthinking. British Columbia is not, and she can well afford not to be, with all her other rich and varied resources, pre-eminently an agricultural country; but in this connection the immense size of the country (area 341,305 square miles) must be taken into account, and it will be seen that, though perhaps proportionately small, the farming and grazing lands of British Columbia are still extensive. Vast tracts in the upper country are and have long been unequalled as grazing grounds for cattle, sheep and horses, as has been abundantly demonstrated by scores of successful stock-raisers and by the fact that the beef, mutton and wool and the horses of that section have become famous and are sought after. Large quantities of grain and considerable quantities of fruit and vegetables have also been raised, and with the means of easy and universal irrigation (where necessary) which the artesian wells, at present being assisted by the Provincial Government, will afford a large extent of country hitherto known as the "dry belt" will become a garden. Coming to the farming lands of the lower Fraser river, a description which appeared in the *Columbian* on the 11th of this month of the Delta municipality, could very fairly be applied

to a dozen agricultural districts within forty or fifty miles of this city, comprising many thousands of acres, which rival in the quantity and quality and variety of their products the best farming lands anywhere, and which constitute the garden of the province.—*Westminster Columbian*

J. C. McLagan, a well known journalist, and lately connected with the *Victoria Times*, has moved to Vancouver. He will be succeeded by H. A. Munn.

The Vancouver daily *News-Advertiser* has been enlarged to an eight page paper. This is an excellent journal, and if Vancouver is growing as fast as the appearance of its press would indicate, the place must be forging ahead rapidly.

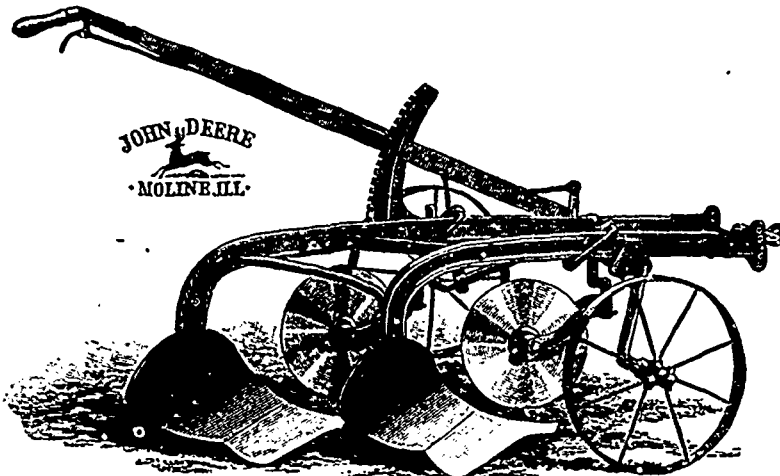
The first issue of the *Dominion Illustrated* has made its appearance, and it fully sustains the high expectations formed from the appearance of the sample sheets sent out a short time ago. The illustrations are really fine works of art, whilst speaking generally, the paper is a marvel of typographical excellence. It is certainly far in advance of anything of the kind heretofore attempted in this country. The time has arrived when Canada should support a national illustrated journal of a high order, and the *Dominion Illustrated* certainly fills the bill. The illustrations include cuts of the retiring Governor, Sir John Macdonald, Premier Greenway of Manitoba, members of the German royal family; sketches of Canadian scenery in British Columbia, the National Park, and at Rideau Hall. There are also cartoons and fine art productions. G. E. Desbarats & Son, publisher, Montreal. Published weekly; subscription price \$4 per year.

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