

The party appointed to make this examination consisted of Messrs. H. J. Cambie and H. A. F. Macleod, of the Canadian Pacific Railway engineering staff, and Dr. G. M. Dawson, of the Geological Survey of Canada. The writer accompanied them. They travelled together from Victoria, V.I., to the mouth of the Skeena thence across the northern part of the Province to Fort McLeod, where the party was divided,—Dr. Dawson proceeding by Pine River Pass, the others by Peace River Pass, to meet at Dunvegan. From Dunvegan the writer came eastward in advance of the others.

The following chapters, consisting chiefly of notes taken by the way, record his impressions of the country traversed from the Pacific to Winnipeg, across the "sea of mountains" and the more inviting sea of prairies. The illustrations are from photographs by Dr. G. M. Dawson, Mr. Selwyn, and Mr. Horetzky—the frontispiece being taken, by permission, from the Geological Survey Report for 1878-79. The maps are from the most recent and most authentic in the Departments of the Canadian Pacific Railway and of the Interior.