



To the Public



In presenting this, the fourth edition of "Farm Lands in British Columbia," we cannot lose the opportunity of expressing our appreciation of the reception accorded to the last edition. We have had enquiries for it from nearly every part of the globe, and particularly from Manitoba, the Northwest Territories, and the Middle, West and Northern States, where our climatic conditions can be best appreciated. The results from an immigration point of view having far exceeded our highest hopes, and as this is being written the enquiries and letters still pouring in show beyond any doubt that the tide of home-seekers flowing to British Columbia has hardly commenced. When one remembers our magnificent climate unequalled on the Continent, with the possible exception of a small portion of the more favored parts of California, this is not to be wondered at: indeed the Coast of British Columbia and particularly the beautiful Valley of the Lower Fraser is often called the "California of Canada"; think of it, no zero weather, and rarely more than two weeks of snow and light frost, while the summers are almost perfect.

These desirable climatic conditions, as is generally known, are brought about by the warm "Chinook" winds and Japan current flowing across the Pacific from the southern coasts of China and Japan, and impinging upon the coast of British Columbia, this accounts for the seeming anomaly of a comparatively northern country having a climate almost as warm as California and with more moisture.

Last year a very large number of letters of enquiry were received on almost every imaginable subject connected with this Province, from coal mining to the rate of carpenters' wages. This publication is issued entirely with a view to inducing settlement on our agricultural lands, and our office is not an immigration or information bureau except so far as farming and land subjects are concerned, at the same time we are at all times only too pleased to give such information as we have to anyone thinking of coming out here that will be of use to them; but in order to lighten our work in this connection, the following gentlemen will be pleased to correspond with intending settlers, and as they are authorities on the subjects mentioned, they will be able to give more reliable information than we could.

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