

new and a larger city, and a steadily increasing population. The strange happenings, hairbreadth escapes and remarkable incidents of that period are history, but are interesting, even at this late date, when modern growth has obliterated all remaining evidences of the destructive conflagration.



Commercial Vancouver.

Great in its possession of unlimited resources, with a wealth of products of mine and sea and forest, British Columbia enjoys an enviable proximity to the future centre of the commercial activity of the world. And Vancouver, midway between the hemispheres, the point of egress from the new and the entrance from the old, stands amid unsurpassed surroundings the coming metropolis of western Canada.

It was in the month of June, 1792, that Captain George Vancouver, on his voyage of discovery, sailed into Burrard