

tory, the extensive argentiferous galena deposits on Kootenay Lake, and the flattering prospects on the Columbia River (rich placers being reported in the vicinity of Kicking Horse Pass also) will soon give that country a large population.

The completion of your enterprise and of the Canadian Pacific will open up a country whose richness will greatly astonish even the promoters of the enterprises themselves. (See page 77. "Province of British Columbia"; "Canada, its Climate and Resources," etc.)

#### AGRICULTURAL AND GRAZING LANDS.

The acreage of this kind of land in comparison to the acreage of your timber and mineral lands is small—it covering but a few thousand acres until the head-waters of the Columbia are reached. (Page 65 of "Province of British Columbia"; "Mainland Interior, or East Cascade Region"; also page 67 of same entitled "Kootenay.") As the Columbia is navigable to its source, large amounts of these magnificent lands may be located if desired.

#### CLIMATE.

The climate of this Columbia region is very mild compared with the same latitudes elsewhere, except on the Pacific Coast. The warm winds from the south known as "Chinook" melt the snow almost as soon as it falls. (Page 11, "Province of British Columbia," &c.) By examining a weather chart of this continent, the isothermal line will be noticed to make a long elbow, the northern point of which reaches in the vicinity of the northernmost point of the Columbia waters.