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13341—Indians Crossing the Turbulent Fraser in a Cable
Tramway, near Yale, B. C., Canada.

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"I never heard a Canadian say a single unkind thing of an Indian; but on the contrary they were anxious to befriend and protect them. And all this they have done in spite of the example set them in the Republic over the border—acting, it would seem, out of the sturdy independence of their character, which I found a most lovable feature in their disposition, and which proves their close kinship with my own people." Frances Macnab in her volume, "British Columbia for Settlers," has the preceding and much more to say of the Canadian government's successful and honorable management of its Indians. Her remarks on this subject are in startling contrast with Helen Jackson's bitter cry against "our nation's record of cruelties and perjuries--the stain of a century of dishonor!"

The Year Book of British Columbia has this to say: The treatment of the Indians is uniformly just, considerate and humane. Wars and minor disturbances of the peace have consequently been almost entirely avoided, the Canadian Indian being in most cases a useful law-abiding subject. They are fast advancing towards modern civilized conditions, Some of the bands are enfranchised and exercise all the rights of citizenship in full. Reservations of land are made for the Indians of sufficient extent to enable them to make independent livings."