

Light Over Coal City, BC

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(45) Victoria, B.C. Semi-Weekly Colonist 12 Aug. 1897.

(46) Loren E. Gross: Charles Fort, the Fortean Society, & Unidentified Flying Objects, p. 18.

When the mystery light appeared in the sky in the Strait of Georgia region, on August 8th, the editor of the Victoria Colonist tried to pass off the sighting as a reflection from a fire at the town of Corodova. This resulted in a number of letters from irate readers. A Mr. Sharpe Wilson said he had seen the mystery light floating: ". . . high in the sky, diffusing a dazzling radiance." (45.) He further stated that he had witnessed the sight at Coal City, which voided the carefully constructed explanation proposed by the editor of the Colonist. Another gentleman, Mr. E. S. Shrapnel, wrote that he had watched the brilliant light for two hours hovering over Mary Tod island: ". . . swaying from side to side slowly, and sometimes rising and falling in a similar manner." He asserted that: ". . . it was decidedly no reflection being quite as bright, if not brighter, than the numerous stars in view. " (46.)
