

through Sooke, with the immense expenditure of money and the great number of men that will be employed, giving occupation to the incoming settler. Sooke will be a station of the railroad on its way to the port on Barclay Sound. Settlers can take up pre-emptions west of Otter Point.

The B. C. Electric Railway Company are expending one and a half million dollars on their power plant at the Jordan River and on the transmission wires to Victoria. This will give employment to at least five hundred men. It will give to Sooke electric light and power when demanded and should eventually give Sooke an electric train service to Victoria.

Regarded as a residential locality the District of Sooke leaves little to be desired, either by the lover of country or sea side life. With its fifteen miles of water frontage on the beautiful land-locked harbour, the home seeker may choose a site on one of the wooded promontories projecting into the bay, or should still more seclusion be desired, the numerous peaceful little bays which indent the shores of the harbour afford ample choice to the jaded city dweller where he may recruit his weary body and brain, throw off the cares and worries of business and society, and live the simple life, "the world forgetting, by the world forgot."

**Plant Life.**—To the lover of Botany the flora of the hills and lowlands presents a boundless field for study, while to the devotee of horticulture, the rich and friable soil combined with the most genial climate to be found on the Island, make gardening a delight, the shores of the Bay being so sheltered from the rude winds of the north that the camelia, the most delicate roses and many other fragile plants flower readily in the open, the dweller in this favored spot being able with a minimum of labour to convert the surroundings of his home



Sooke Inlet Scenery