



Looking Towards Victoria from the Parliament Buildings.

the last session of the provincial legislature there was passed a Forest Act, which is in many respects the most advanced piece of forestry legislation that has been enacted on this continent. So favorably is it regarded that the State of California is said to be about to pass legislation which is largely a reproduction of this Act.

Not only will Hon. W. R. Ross, Minister of Lands, who has jurisdiction over the province's forests and in whose department the new Forest Branch is placed, take an active part in the convention, but the premier of the province, Hon. Sir Richard McBride, K.C.M.G., is taking a personal interest in the convention and will deliver an address.

Forests and forestry in British Columbia will naturally take up the greatest share of attention at the meetings, but the papers and discussions will not be confined to these only.

Many of the leading foresters and lumbermen of the province and of the whole Dominion will be present at the convention, and sessions of the greatest interest may be looked for.

To Easterners who attend, not only will the convention be interest-

ing but the entire journey to the Pacific coast will be of the greatest interest and their visit to the province will afford them the greatest enjoyment. In Vancouver the Pacific province possesses one of the most substantial and rapidly growing cities of the North American continent. It has now a population of 140,000 (including suburbs) and is looking forward to great things in the future, especially after the Panama canal is completed. The city includes the famous Stanley Park, with its big trees, in which the tree lover will find special delight. Capilano Canyon is another point of interest that will divide general attention with the famous park.

From here, the capital city of Victoria, the scene of the convention, is some five hours' sail down the Strait of Georgia. Not only does it include many beautiful buildings (of which the Parliament buildings are the chief), but it is famed also for the beauty of its surroundings. The immense timber resources of Vancouver Island, and its possibilities in many other directions will also engross the attention of the visitor. The railway development of the mainland must be an additional source of wonder to the tourist.