

Royal City of the West.

the "takers" are "out," Indians, Japs, Chinese and whites and they intend to remain out until they get their price. After Seattle this is stagnation. But strikers after all are like some other little things, "they have their day and cease to be" and before the salmon have ceased to run the factories will be rattling away at full time work. Strikes are in vogue all along the coast here now as in the east and while they are in vogue the consumer has the worst of it. This small city has not the future of Vancouver. That mighty maker of cities the C. P. R. runs a branch into Westminster but the trunk ends in Vancouver. An electric tramway connects Westminster with Vancouver and forms the connecting link for the Great Northern from Seattle. The Great Northern stops now at South Westminster. We crossed the muddy Fraser in a steam ferry to Westminster. This old order will soon vanish. The piers of one of the largest bridges on this coast are now completed and soon the long trains of the Great Northern will be thundering across the Fraser and into Vancouver through Westminster.

But the West is so full of surprises and the unexpected has come so often that in spite of the general verdict here as to its future New Westminster may yet be a big and very busy place. If booming can usher in that period in its history this city shall surely be great for every citizen is said to be a boomer of this place. This appreciation and commendation of their towns and cities is epidemic here in all the West. I have met hundreds of eastern people who have eaten of the western lotus and their one word has been "sweet is the memory of our former years, but we will never leave this land to go back to the east." Argument and protest against this evokes from them a smile of pity for you and after you have been here a time you cease to argue with them because you find them beyond recanting. They have a good case to talk on and they all talk all the time. Their conduct is worthy of imitation in the east.

