

the line of the E. & N. Railway, it is connected by telephone with Victoria and Nanaimo.

CHEMAINUS

Chemainus, a good farming district very heavily timbered, with soil and other conditions almost identical with Cowichan, is the seat of a great lumbering industry. The mill of the Victoria Lumbering & Manufacturing Company, with a daily capacity of 500,000 feet of lumber, is situated here and, with the company's logging railway and lumber camps, gives employment to a large number of men. Chemainus has a well equipped hospital.

LADYSMITH

The shipping port for the Extension coal is a growing town, five miles north of Chemainus. It has a good harbor and commodious docks. At this point the Canadian Pacific Railway maintains a ferry service to and from Vancouver, transferring trains of freight cars loaded with goods for Victoria and other places on the Island, and carrying Island products to continental points. Ladysmith has a large public school, several churches, good hotels and stores, and several industries, among which are the Tyee Copper Company's smelter, the Ladysmith Lumber Company's sawmill, and an iron foundry. It is the centre of the Newcastle district and the home of the miners who work in the Extension mines, eight miles west. The land about Ladysmith is fertile, but broken and densely timbered. There is considerable land in the valleys which will make good farms and orchards when cleared.

NANAIMO

Called the Coal City, is also the centre of a coal mining district and headquarters of the Western Fuel Company. It is 72 miles from Victoria, with which it has a daily train service over the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway, and 35 miles from Vancouver, to which city the Canadian Pacific Railway runs daily steamers. It also has steamboat communication with Comox and Sidney. The city is one of the oldest on the Island, the coal mines having been operated since 1850, and is well equipped with all public conveniences, schools, churches, mercantile and industrial establishments. When the mines are in full operation the number of men employed is large, the monthly pay roll aggregating over \$100,000. There is much good land in the Nanaimo district, and wherever it has been cleared and