

In the year 1910 the building inspector issued permits which totalled thirteen million one hundred and fifty thousand three hundred and sixty-five dollars. The year of 1911 reached seventeen million six hundred and fifty-two thousand six hundred and forty-two dollars—an average of nearly a million and a half a month.

There is practically no department of the city's life which is not leaping ahead. In January, 1908, there were four thousand nine hundred and sixty telephones in Vancouver. January, 1909, found eight thousand one hundred and thirty-one telephones; January, 1911, found eleven thousand telephones, and in January, 1912, there were in use sixteen thousand one hundred and sixty telephones.

Vancouver is the commercial, financial and industrial centre of the Province. The Provincial Government estimated the 1909 production of industry of the Province to amount to eighty-two million five hundred thousand dollars. Of this total, about seventy-five per cent. is credited to the lower mainland, of which Vancouver is the centre.

Vancouver has close at hand a water supply which is capable of producing over one hundred thousand horse-power. Thirty thousand is available now, and works are under construction which will develop an equal amount. When measured in horse-power, the amount of water power available within a radius of one hundred miles of Vancouver mounts into figures that express inadequately the full significance of its presence. Within one hundred miles of Vancouver there are ten great water powers, each capable of generating twenty thousand horse-power.

Financially, Vancouver is sound. There are fifty-two banks. Bank clearings for 1911 were well over the five hundred million mark—(\$543,484,354).

As yet it is a roughed-in city, with spots finished here and there. Soon it will be impossible to find any trace of board roads, stump-pocked lots lying next to big modern houses. Greater Vancouver is being made. There is a league in the city with the battle whoop, "A Million of People in Ten Years." That is the spirit permeating British Columbia.

SOME IMPORTANT BUILDINGS

Court House—Georgia, Robson, Hornby and Howe streets.

City Hall—Main street (formerly Westminster avenue), between Hastings and Pender streets.

Carnegie Library—Corner Hastings and Main streets. Contains free museum; museum hours, 10 a.m. to 12 m. and 2 to 5 p.m., except Sunday.

Y. M. C. A.—Corner Dunsmuir and Cambie streets.

Y. W. C. A.—Corner Burrard and Dunsmuir streets.

Dominion Assay Building (old Postoffice)—Corner Pender and Granville streets.

Vancouver Athletic Club—Corner Beatty and Dunsmuir streets.

Telephone Building (main office)—555 Seymour street.

Armory Hall—Cambie and Dunsmuir streets.

Horse Show Building—Georgia and Gilmfords streets.

Public Market—Main street bridge.

Exhibition Buildings—Hastings Townsite.