



Warships in Vancouver Harbor.

Into the harbor of Vancouver, justly famed for its size, safety and beauty (for it has plenty of room to entertain all the ships of the British navy without there being a "crush"), pours the ever-growing volume of Australasian, Oriental and northern gold-fields trade, and each year sees crowding on the harbor front an increasing number of these

"Swift shuttles of an empire's loom that weaves us  
main to main."

In the City of Vancouver the most important commercial enterprises of the Province have their rise, and the substantial business blocks, well-paved streets, excellent system of electric lighting and street railways, and uncommonly good water supply, are always favorably commented upon by visitors ; while the comfortable hotels, well-appointed theatres and shops, and general air of solidity and progress, fill with wonder travellers who have novel-manufactured ideas about "these far-western towns."

Built upon a peninsula and almost surrounded by salt water, Vancouver enjoys to the fullest the bracing sea air, tempered by the mountains of the Coast range, which form a noble rampart to the north. Thus, dowered with perpetual coolness throughout the long and exquisite summers, it is an ideal stepping-off place for refugees from the heat of Eastern Canadian and American cities and Oriental countries ; while for convalescents, the life-giving breaths of the Pacific and the brilliant sunshine are tonics that cannot be surpassed.