

to be found. Here too, are the naval yard and dry dock, the latter built of huge blocks of cut stone, and capable of accommodating the largest ships of war and merchantmen on the seas. Oak Bay is another popular seaside suburb connected by the busy electric road. This is rapidly becoming the summer home of wealthy citizens, its charming surroundings, attractive beach, and facilities for every form of seaside enjoyment, and bringing it into constantly growing favor.

WATER WORKS.

The city possesses an extensive system of water works, which is operated by the corporation, and which, with the well equipped and well disciplined fire department, reduces

contemplated on the completion of the sewers, and with this done, little will be required to make the public works of the city perfect.

ELECTRIC TRAMWAYS.

In this particular Victoria is greatly favored, and the founders of the system have shown a remarkable energy, which would have staggered men of less tenacity. To Hon. D. W. Higgins, the propounder as well as the present president, an immense amount of credit is due. As early as the 22nd of February, 1860, the first car was run on the line, which then consisted of five miles of track, four cars, a 110-horse power engine, and an 80-horse power Thompson & Houston generator. Since then there



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the fire risk to almost nothing. The water supply is drawn from a succession of spring-fed lakes, and passing over the filter beds, is distributed by steel mains, its purity being assured. Improvements to the system are constantly being made and its efficiency maintained. The receipts from the water works form one of the principal items in the civic revenue. Sewerage works of great magnitude, which will cost between \$1,000,000 and \$1,500,000, and which will ensure the perfect drainage of the city, are now in progress, the contractors being bound to complete their work within a year. The sewerage is to be upon the separate system, recommended by the eminent engineer, Rudolf Hering, of New York, the sewage of the city being carried far out to sea by the tide. The paving of the principal streets is

have been added a 350-horse power engine, two 80-horse power generators, and the cars now number 11, some of which are open cars; the track is now 11½ miles in length, to which two more miles are now being added, and will be supplemented by eight more next spring, the tracks now being on the way from London. There will then be twenty cars in operation. This road, to the credit of the proprietors, was the third in operation west of the Mississippi, and the second in Canada; and the most remarkable part of the matter is that the road has been so conservatively managed that the total cost will not exceed \$280,000. The present lines in operation extend to Esquimalt, Oak Bay, the Driving Park, Outer Wharf and the Fountain; and will soon be extended to Beacon Hill