

them from freezing; at every station along the road, almost, the weather was below zero, and they nearly burnt up the cars in keeping us warm, and yet here I am within twenty-six hours enjoying this beautiful day without overcoat, on this splendid drive by the sea with my wife and child, just as we have got up from lunch; why man it has more value to any city than any gold mine ever discovered. Tell the people about it."

The New Million Dollar Hotel "The Empress."



HOTEL AND SCHOOL ACCOMMODATION

The public schools are a credit to this or any other city and enjoy the confidence of the people. There are also several fine private colleges. Those desiring a high class musical training can secure it in Victoria.

Victoria has better hotel accommodation than any other city of its size in Canada. There are also a large number of excellent private boarding houses. Hotel rates range from \$1.50 to \$5.00 per day, American plan. Boarding houses from \$1.00 to \$2.50 per day. The Canadian Pacific Railway will open this year in the heart of the city, overlooking the picturesque harbour, one of the finest hotels on the continent, "The Empress," costing one million dollars. This hotel has been made necessary by the increased importance of Victoria as a commercial city and the enormous development of its tourist business during the past few years. The view from the hotel