

a rainfall of about fifty inches a year, some of which comes in the form of wet snow in the winter, though the snow rarely remains on the ground for more than a week or two at a time. Freezing temperatures in the winter are very rare, the mercury registering as a rule from 35 to 55 above. The summers are very cool and pleasant, a temperature of 90 degrees above being something of a phenomenon, while the nights are always cool. From about the first of May to the first of October there is very little rainfall, and the weather is uniformly pleasant day by day. There are no violent lightning and thunder storms, hurricanes or cyclones. Sometimes a flash of lightning or a peal of thunder from a distant mountain top serves to remind the fortunate inhabitants that not far away is the region of terrifying wind and thunder by summer, and chilling and blockading blizzards by winter. The rivers, Pitt Lake, the forests and mountains, afford every opportunity for outings and vacations.

### A NOTABLE INDUSTRY

Another industry recently established in the Coquitlam Townsite is that of the Coquitlam Shipbuilding & Marine Railway Company Limited, which has acquired a site covering eight and a half acres and is now at work on its buildings and other improvements. This company will build

and operate ships to take advantage of the great commercial opportunities which will be presented to British Columbia by the opening of the Panama Canal. It is capitalized at \$500,000. and will employ 100 to 150 men. Another recent acquisition to the industrial list is the Call Switch Company, which is now putting up a large factory within the Townsite Limits, and will be ready for business in sixty days.

A large eastern stove and foundry company purchased a site for works to be erected within a year, just as this booklet was going to press.

### ESTABLISHED INDUSTRIES

There are several substantial industries in Coquitlam—in and out of the Townsite—now. The Fraser River mills, of the Canadian Western Lumber Company, employ over a thousand men turn out 700,000 feet of lumber a day and hold the world's record for size of annual output. There are several smaller lumber and shingle mills, a match factory and a large meat packing establishment. The B.C. Electric Company is spending an immense sum in making a great storage reservoir of Coquitlam Lake, where a colossal dam is being erected at the foot of the lake at a cost of \$1,500,000, and an army of men is engaged in this work. The total horse-power now developed by the B.C. Electric Company is 128,000.